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YET AMERICA TALKS TALL OF SYMPATHY FOR ASPIRATIONS OF UNDERDOG

NEW YORK, Feb. 25, (Reuter): The United States would undoubtedly enter any future war in which the British Empire was again under attack, the "New York Times" said today adding: "It might help to clear the air if this fact were impressed upon the world."

"The British Empire is again buffeted by storms which are potentially as grave as any in the past", the paper said.

"The Empire is under pressure of Russian penetration across its lifelines in the Middle East and the Mediterranean, and a rising tide of nationalism in the orient. This matter is a grave concern to other nations and especially to the United States.

At the same time the United States entertains great sympathy for the aspirations of all people for independence and when regions under the control of the Empire are swept by patriots in the name of independence its sympathies are likely to lie with the underdog".

C.-In-C. Will Have No Politics In Services

"Strike" Is Different From "Mutiny" And Ring-leaders Of R.I.N. Trouble Will Be Punished

NEW DELHI, Feb. 25 (A.P.I.): The C.-in-C. Gen. Sir Claude Auchinleck in a broadcast tonight on the R.I.N. strike said that there would be no collective punishment, no vindictive action or indiscriminate retribution but ring-leaders and others would be individually tried and those found guilty would be punished.

"To refrain from awarding punishment where such is due would put a premium on insubordination", he said.

"Legitimate grievances can be and are being rectified continually and as quickly as possible", he went on. But, he made it clear that some of the men's wishes could not be met.

"I am aware that politics have had something to do with recent regrettable happenings in the services", Gen. Auchinleck said. "In my position as C.-in-C., I have nothing whatever to do with politics, and I will not countenance political intrigue in the armed forces in India. To do so would be a great disservice to India both now and for the future."

Full Text

"The subject of my short talk tonight is the discipline and well being of the forces.

"Unrest in certain of the armed forces in India has undoubtedly caused misgivings in people's minds and my object in speaking to you tonight is to help you to see things in the right light.

MUTINY—NOT STRIKE

"The word 'strike' has been loosely used. **The correct word is 'mutiny' and this refers to any collective act of a few or many persons, subject to naval, military or air force law, against the legal authority of the service.**

Any attempt to whitewash collective disobedience by using the civil term 'strike' is damaging to the discipline and stability of the armed forces, and can only react unfavourably on Law and Order generally. The use of the term 'strike' is dangerous in that it suggests something less serious than mutiny and implies that the armed forces can be excused if they indulge in such direct action as is legally open to those in civil employment.

"It matters not what form collective disobedience takes—whether negative—such as refusal to work or refusal to eat; or positive, such as a demonstration march or an act of violence. Such acts are all mutinous, though obviously they can and do vary in degree.

"The milder forms of insubordination are infectious and easily lead to violence.

NO VINDICTIVE ACTION

"Appeals are often made that there shall be no so-called "victimisation' of those guilty of mutiny. In so far as this means that there will be no collective punishment of a body of men, it is true that there will be no vindictive action or indiscriminate retribution.

"But I never have made, and never will make, any promise that ring-leaders and others individually tried and found guilty will not be punished. "On the contrary, they will be.

"To do otherwise would strike at the root of all discipline, and would be quite unfair to well-behaved servicemen who form the vast majority. To refrain from awarding punishment where such is due would put a premium upon insubordination.

"It is all too readily assumed that recent mutinous acts are due to grievances, and the implication is that grievances can only be rectified as the result of acts of ill-discipline.

"Nothing could be further from the truth.

"I do not deny for a moment that grievances may exist in the services, as is inevitable in any large organisation employing hundreds of thousands of men.

WHAT IS NOT POSSIBLE

"Some of the men's wishes can not be met. To give one example—it is not possible to pay everyone in the R.I.N. and R.I.A.F. at the same rate as in the R. N. and R.A.F. just as it is not possible to pay everyone in the British Navy and Air Force on the same scale as, for instance, those in the U. S. Navy or Air Force without affecting the whole economic structure of the country and creating similar demands in every branch of Government service.

Inter-Services Committee

"We have as a matter of fact strong Inter-Services Committee sitting at the moment to look into conditions of pay, accommodation, travel, etc., of all three Indian Services.

"Legitimate grievances can be and

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NEHRU MEETS SARDAR

One-Hour Conference On City Events

BOMBAY, Monday.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru arrived in the city today and drove straight to the residence of Sardar Patel.

It is understood that the two leaders discussed the events in the city during the last few days. The conference lasted for an hour.

Mr. G. P. Hutheesing travelled to Kalyan, and travelled down with Pandit Nehru. The train was specially halted at Byculla where Panditji detrained. He was received at Byculla by Mr. Nagindas T. Master, Mr. S. K. Patil and other Congress leaders.

In expectation of his arrival a huge crowd of people had gathered at Victoria Terminus. Although they were disappointed in that matter, they cheered Mrs. Aruna Asaf Ali who came to the station to meet Panditji.

The Bombay Provincial Congress Committee is making arrangements to hold a public meeting at Chowpatty tomorrow (Tuesday) when Sardar Patel and Pandit Nehru will speak. It is understood that despite the Curfew the meeting will be held by special permission.

INDIAN FOOD MISSION LEAVES BRITAIN

LONDON, Feb. 25. (Reuter): The Indian Food Delegation, having completed its discussions with the British Government and the London Food Council, is preparing for its visit to the United States. All but two of the members left here to-day for Southampton. They will sail on the "Aquitania" and are expected to arrive in Washington on March 3.

Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar who will lead the delegation and Sir Robert Hutchings, Food Secretary to the Government of India, are expected to leave England by air on February 27. They will visit Ottawa for consultations with the Canadian Government before proceeding to Washington to join the rest of the delegation.

Boy Dies Of Bullet Wounds

MADRAS, Feb. 25.

A boy aged about 17, said to be a Hindu whose identity has not yet been established, died of bullet injuries near th eFort railway station this evening. Two others who received bullet injuries at the same place have been admitted in the General Hospital.

Inquiries reveal that the incident followed the pelting of stones by some boys at passing motor cars. One of the motorists said to belong to military personnel is alleged to have stepped out of his car and fired a few shots from his rifle as a result of which three persons were injured one fatally.

Enquiries at the General Hospital late this evening show that nearly 30 cases of injuries apparently from Lathi charges were brought to the Hospital of which twelve have been admitted as in-patients.

Two cases of gunshot wounds were also brought to the Hospital in the evening of whic hone had already succumbed to the injuries before reaching the hospital. Police investigations into this incident are proceeding.

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JINNAH APPEALS TO MUSLIM WOMEN

CALCUTTA, Feb. 25 (A.P.I.): It was the duty of every Muslim woman to help in the struggle for the achievement of Pakistan, said Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League, addressing a crowded meeting of Muslim women this evening at the Muslim Institute.

For this, Mr. Jinnah continued, they required education. They must educate themselves and educate their children. They must bring up their children, who were the future leaders of Muslim India, as intelligent, educated Muslim boys imbued with love for Islam and service to their fellow countrymen.

On behalf of Muslim women of Calcutta, Mr. H. A. Hakam, M.L.A. (Bengal) presented an address of welcome to Mr. Jinnah.

STOP PRESS

NIGHT SHIFT CLOSED

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 25 (A.P.I.): The strikers closed the night shift of one of the mills by lying in front of the gates. The workmen could not enter the mill and went home.

EGYPTIAN STUDENTS PUT OFF THREE-DAY STRIKE

CAIRO, Feb. 25 (Reuter): The threatened three-day strike by Cairo students in support of their "Quit Egypt" demonstrations against the British was called off at the last moment today and is now planned to start next Monday.

City Returning To Normal

Sardar Tours Affected Areas: Talks With Pt. Jawaharlal

BOMBAY, Monday.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, accompanied by Mr. Nagindas T. Master and Mr. S. K. Patil, toured the affected areas in the city this morning and studied the situation for over two hours.

They were satisfied that peace and confidence were gradually returning to those parts where panic prevailed during the four days' orgy of mob violence and police and military firing.

In the afternoon Lt. General R. M. M. Lockhart, G.O.C.-in-Chief, Advance Southern Command, made a tour of localities where troops are posted on riot duty and inspected the different detachments of troops in the various sectors. He was accompanied by Maj.-Gen. E. C. Beard, Commanding Bombay Area.

Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru who arrived in the city today, soon after his arrival, motored to the residence of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel where they both had an informal discussion on the city situation. He did not tour the city today as he was tired but will commence his programme tomorrow.

Jawahar To Address Meeting

One more sign of the return of normal conditions was evidenced in the announcement that a public meeting will be held at Chowpatty at 6 p.m., tomorrow (Tuesday) which will be addressed by Pandit Nehru and Sardar Patel.

NEHRU TO SPEAK AT CHOWPATTY TODAY

Mr. S. K. Patil, General Secretary of the B.P.C.C., writes:—

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru will address and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel will preside over a public meeting under the auspices of the B. P. C. C. today (Tuesday) at 6 p. m. at Chowpatty Sands. Adequate loudspeaker arrangements will be made and special enclosure will be reserved for ladies.

Congress Sevikas and volunteers are required to present themselves for duty at Chowpatty Sands at 4 p. m. sharp.

In view of the tense situation in the City, those who attend the meeting are earnestly requested to observe perfect peace and discipline both during the meeting and while returning to their places.

The subject matter of the meeting will be "The Tragedy from which the City has just emerged". The forthcoming elections will also be touched upon by the speakers.

MAYOR DEMANDS INQUIRY

The Mayor of Bombay has called for an impartial inquiry into the "damage to property and the loss of so many innocent lives."

Enquiries show that the Police Commissioner has no objection to the holding of the meeting and has agreed to relaxing the Curfew upto 9 p. m.

All the Ratings of the R.I.N., have resumed work thus honouring the assurance given by them to the Sardar.

Admiral Godfrey, the Flag Officer Commanding the Royal Indian Navy has, therefore, left for New Delhi, today.

FEWER TROOPS

A tour of the hitherto troubled areas made by a reporter of the "Chronicle" showed that there were fewer troops today than during the last three days.

MEDICOS' HUNGER-STRIKE ENDS

Ten medicos from the J. J. Hospital who resented the presence of the military pickets posted in the compound of the hospital went on a hunger-strike. Originally it was intended that all students should observe a strike but this step was not resorted to as it would cause great hardship to the wounded in the hospital.

The hunger-strike was called off when the military was removed from the place at 2 p. m.

In these zones more shops were open upto Curfew hour and these districts looked almost normal today. Upto the time of writing there was not a single incident of any kind. The industrial area where an electric atmosphere prevailed yesterday and the day before wore a quiet appearance today.

With the exception of four textile mills all other mills, factories and industrial concerns resumed work.

SARDAR'S ADVICE TELLS

Sardar Patel's advice to students that if a 'hartal' was observed by them it would hinder the return of normalcy had a salutary effect, and most educational institutions functioned smoothly.

Heaps of refuse which had collected during the disturbances and were a grave menace to the city's sanitation were cleared during the day by the Health Department of the Municipality.

Barricades and other obstacles lit

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AZAD MEETS VICEROY

Discussions Over Food Problem And General Political Situation

NEW DELHI, Feb. 25, (A.P.I.): The Congress President Maulana Abul Kalam Azad had an hour's interview with the Viceroy this afternoon. Mr. Asaf Ali, Deputy Leader of the Congress Party, Accompanied the Congress President.

Maulana Azad returned from Peshawar this afternoon and from the air port drove straight to the Viceroy's house for the interview.

"We discussed the food situation and also the general political situation" said Maulana Azad interviewed by an A.P.I. reporter. He did not know if he would be seeing the Viceroy again in the immediate future but said that his discussion was not yet over and that he would be writing to the Viceroy.

CAROE MEETS WAVELL

NEW DELHI, Feb. 25 (A.P.I.): Sir Olaf Caroe, Governor-designate of the North West Frontier Province, is on a brief visit to Delhi.

It is understood that H. E. the Viceroy has discussed the food situation with Sir Olaf Caroe with special reference to the North West Frontier Province.

Five Courts To Try R. I. N. Strikers

BOMBAY, Feb. 25. (A.P.I.): A joint 'communique' issued by Advance Hq. Southern Command at 18-30 Hrs. says:

R.I.N. ratings are settling down to normal duties and there are no incidents to report.

Five Courts of Enquiry have been ordered, of which four are to be held immediately.

In the city of Bombay, the situation is completely quiet and public confidence is returning.

Latest figures of civilian casualties admitted to hospitals since the beginning of the disturbances are:— Killed 228, injured 1,047.

Governor Summons

KHAN SAHIB TO FORM NEW MINISTRY

PESHAWAR, Feb. 25 (A.P.I.): The following Press Comunique has been issued from Government House, Peshawar:

"H. E. the Governor received the Hon. Dr. Khan Sahib this morning. Dr. Khan Sahib on behalf of himself and his colleagues offered their resignation of office.

Dr. Khan Sahib as leader of the Congress Party in N.W.F.P. which now commands majority in the newly-elected Legislative Assembly was invited by His Excellency to assist him in the formation of the new Ministry and he undertook to do so.

"He asked for interval of a few days to submit his proposals.

"His Excellency agreed and asked Dr. Khan Sahib and his colleagues to continue in office until arrangements for a new Ministry could be concluded."

Punjab League Election Victory Day

LAHORE, Feb. 25 (A.P.I.): The Nawab of Mamdot, President of the Punjab Muslim League, has directed the primary and district branches of the Muslim League in the Punjab to observe Friday, March 1, as "victory day" in celebration of the Muslim League's success in the elections to the Punjab Assembly.

Sales Tax Hartal Enters 11th Day

CALCUTTA, Feb. 25 (A.P.I.): The Trade 'Hartal' in Calcutta as a protest against the enhancement of the sales tax has lasted eleven days today. Most Indian shops continue to remain closed.

CONGRESS BAGS 10 SEATS UNOPPOSED

NAGPUR, Feb. 25 (A.P.I.): Ten Congress candiates, two Muslim Leaguers and one each from the European and Anglo-Indian Constituencies have been returned unopposed to the Central Provinces Assembly.

Polling for contested seats will take place between March 25 and April 12.

TWO ELECTED TO U.P. ASSEMBLY

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 25 (A.P.I.): Raja Vikram D. V. Bahadur Shah of Jagmanpur and Rao Raj Kumar Singh of Baraoli were declared elected to the U. P. Legislative Assembly today from the Agra Province Zamindar's Association constituency.

BHOPAL AND AGA KHAN MEET MAHATMA

Ninety Minutes Talk To Break Down Cordon Between League And Congress

POONA, February 25, (A.P.I.): A joint meeting between Mahatma Gandhi, H. H. the Aga Khan and H. H. the Nawab of Bhopal, Chancellor of the Chamber of Princes commenced at 4 p.m., this afternoon at the Nature Cure Clinic.

Mahatma Gandhi, H. H. Aga Khan and H. H. the Nawab of Bhopal were in "secret" conference today for over 90 minutes. In the words of the Nawab at this joint meeting, which is perhaps the first after the second Round Table Conference, the three had an "interesting talk" and took advantage of the occasion to explore the possibility of resolving the present deadlock.

While nothing definite can be said at present about the talks, it is understood that they centred round the attempt of the Aga Khan "to try to get Mahatma Gandhi to break down the unfortunate cordon that divides the two groups in India, the Congress and the Muslim League." The Aga Khan believes that the Muslim League and the Congress had so far "rubbed each other so much the wrong way" and his one hope of breaking down this unfortunate cordon was Mahatma Gandhi.

The present political situation with reference to the impending visit of the British Cabinet delegation and the statements of Mr. Jinnah on Pakistan and the Constitution-Making Body, it is believed, also came up for discussion.

BHOPAL TO MEET MAHATMA AGAIN

The presence of Nawab of Bhopal, Chancellor of the Chamber of Princes, indicates the possibility of the question of States being referred to at today's meeting but these questions, it is believed, will be discussed at length tomorrow when the Nawab meets Gandhiji again.

There is also possibility of the Aga Khan meeting Gandhiji in the near future to continue today's talks.

The Nawab of Bhopal who arrived here this afternoon by plane may leave for Bhopal tomorrow or the day after.

The Aga Khan, who was accompanied by his Secretary, Mr. I. S. Haji, leaves for Bombay tomorrow.

GANDHIJI'S BARDOLI VISIT CANCELLED

BOMBAY, Feb. 25 (A.P.I.)—Mahatma Gandhi's proposed visit to Bardoli and his Bardoli programme have been cancelled in deference to his (Mahatma's) own wishes. Gandhiji will continue to stay in Poona.

ALLEGED IMMORALITY IN WAC(I)

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter): Mrs. M. W. Nichol (Labour-Bradford North), one of Parliamentary delegation which visited India, asked in Commons if Mr. Henderson, Under-Secretary for India, would inquire into "charges of discrimination and immorality in Women's Auxilary Corps (India) alleged in a letter signed by 100 members of the Corps."

Mr. Henderson said that inquiries would be made of the Government of India. He would communicate the reply to Mrs. Nichol.

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KUOMINTANG AND COMMUNIST FORCES MERGED

End Of 15-Year Period Of Rivalry

CHUNGKING, Feb 25. (Reuter): Chinese Communist forces were formally merged with the Chinese National Army this afternoon in an agreement signed by Gen. Chang Chin-Chung, Head of the Political Affairs Department of the National Military Council, Gen. Chou-en-Lai, the Communist leader and Gen. George Marshall the United States Ambassador.

The official fusion of the Kuomintang and Communist Armies into a single national force which took place with the signature of a bulky document, covering terms of agreement put an end to the 15-year period of rivalry that divided the Chinese Military Command.

Under the agreement, between 300 and 400 divisions scattered throughout the country will be formed into 20 armies within 18 months. They will be organised along Western lines under a Commander-in-Chief, President Chiang Kai-Shek.

The primary function of the armies, which will consist of 50 National and ten Communist divisions, will be to "defend the Republic in time of war."

A Soviet news agency despatch from Chungking on Friday's anti-Soviet demonstrations by Chinese students charged the local authorities with taking part in them.

GEORGIAN CLAIMS ON TURKEY AGAIN

MOSCOW, Feb. 25 (Reuter): M. K. Charkviani, Secretary of the Central Committee of the Georgian Communist Party, today renewed Georgian claims to certain border areas of Turkey, in an article published in the "Pravda" to mark the 25th anniversary of the inclusion of Georgia in the Soviet Union.

"The centuries-old dream of the Georgian people—restoration of Georgia's territorial unity—is still unfulfilled", he declared.

"The Georgians have borne enough sacrifice in the defence of human civilisation against barbarians of ancient time and those of the twentieth century. They have a right to hope that their lawful demands will be satisfied."

Reviews of Georgia's progress and her war effort and congratulatory messages to her on the anniversary largely filled the Soviet Press and radio bulletins today.

CAVEESHAR IN LAHORE

LAHORE, Feb. 25 (A.P.I.): Sardar Sardul Singh Caveeshar, Acting President of the Forward Bloc, arrived in Lahore this evening after his release from Dharamsala Jail.

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GENERAL STRIKE OF WORKERS AND STUDENTS

Lathi Charge To Disperse Mob In Madras

MADRAS, Feb. 25. (A.P.I.): There is a general strike of workers and students in the city to-day as a protest against military firing at Bombay and to express their sympathy with the R.I.N. Ratings. The tramway and motor transport workers, Printing Press workers and labourers in various workshops abstained from work this morning with the result that tram and bus services are completely at a stand still.

Hotels, restaurants and shops in most of the localities remain closed. Processions of workers and students organised by their respective organisations went through important thoroughfares peacefully. No incidents have so far been reported.

LABOUR DECISION.

Representatives of Communist Party, Provincial Trade Union Congress and other labour organisations met last evening and resolved to declare "one-day" strike.

Representatives of Indian Students Congress and Madras Students' Federation also met last evening when it is understood decisions were taken to observe 'hartal' to-day.

Automobile workers, railway locoshed workers and mill workers have also joined in the strike.

The workers of the Suburban Electric Trains suspended work for about an hour from 11 a.m. Normal suburban train traffic was however, restored by about noon.

PROCESSION AND MEETING.

About 2,000 students, including a good number of girl students, took out a procession at about 12-30 p.m. through the main roads of the city and the Central Station. The students were seen wearing badges which bore inscription "Strike for R.I.N." They also raised slogans like "Jai Hind", "Strike for the Ratings", as they march through the roads. On the way they stopped a few motors cars and would not allow them to pass without writing such slogans as "Quit India", "Strike for the R.I.N.".

The processionists held a meeting inside the High Court compound when resolutions were passed expressing sympathy with the R.I.N. ratings and condemning the action of the police and military in having opened fire on them.

LATHI CHARGE.

Except for an incident near the Central Station where the police resorted to Lathi charge to disperse a mob which pelted stones at some military vehicles, the demonstrators were peaceful throughout.

HUTS SET ON FIRE.

Fire-engines rushed to the scene and while they were trying to put down the fire, stones were thrown causing injuries to fire-fighters. A strong contingent of police force soon arrived on the spot and prevented crowds from approaching the area by blocking the Marina Road near the Senate House, on the north and at its junction with Pycrofts Road. Two cars which proceeded along the route before the arrival of the police were stoned and the occupants stated to be Europeans, turned their cars into the compound of the Presidency College.

Sir Norman Strathie and Mr. E. M Gawne Advisers to the Governor, visited the spot.

Members of the clerical staff employed in the general offices of the M. and S. M. Railway, Park Town, abstained from their work in the afternoon. They met in the office compound and passed a resolution protesting against the police firing in Bombay and other places and expressing sympathy with R.I.N. ratings.

ANOTHER LATHI CHARGE.

There was trouble again at Mount Road near Roundthana where crowd indulged in pelting stones at passing military vehicles. The police cleared the crowd by a Lathi charge.

AHMEDABAD MILL WORKERS ON STRIKE

Protest Against Military Firing At Bombay

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 25 (A.P.I.): During the course of the day nearly 5,000 workers from the textile mills here came out on strike as a protest against the military firing at Bombay. Five mills were closed as all the workers from those mills joined the strike. Nine other mills worked with considerably depleted number of workers.

PLEA TO GUJARAT RAILWAYMEN

Hindustan Mazdur Sangh Denounce Communists' Attempt To Jeopardise Transport

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 25 (A.P.I.): An appeal to those railway men who have not yet returned to duty to resume work immediately is made by the Ahmedabad City Branch of the 'Hindustan' Mazdur Sevak Sangh which states that "the strike of the railway workers was a misconceived step instigated by the Communists in obvious disregard of the vital interests of the workers and the community", and that any suspension of railway transport was bound to aggravate the shortage of food and jeopardise the health of lakhs of people in this area.

Lathi Charge Disperses Cotton Mill Strikers

DACCA, Feb. 24 (A.P.I.): Information has been received here that the police made a lathi charge and used tear-gas to disperse a crowd of cotton mill strikers at Narainganj, yesterday.

Workers of the Dhakeswari Cotton Mills and the Luxmi Narayan Cotton Mills are on strike since February 17.

It is stated that efforts were being made to unload coal in the Dhakeswari Cotton Mill No. 2 when a large number of strikers assembled and obstructed the work. The police ultimately made a lathi charge and used tear-gas to disperse them.

Nine arrests were made. The arrested persons were brought to Dacca and produced before the Additional District Magistrate, who ordered their release on bail of Rs. 300 each.

15,000 Nagpur Workers Strike In Sympathy

NAGPUR, Feb. 25 (A.P.I.): Over 15,000 textile workers abstained from work in two textile mills this morning, in one-day strike of sympathy with the R.I.N. ratings in Bombay and other places and as a protest against firings on crowds in Bombay and Karachi. Attempts are being made to declare a general hartal in the city to-day.

The Communist Party meeting last night decided to appeal for one-day general hartal in the city to-day.

'Baseless' Karachi Reports

KARACHI, Feb. 24 (A.P.I.): The A.P.I. has been officially informed that the reports appearing in certain section of the Press regarding cutting of telephone and telegram wires, as well as Press censorship on inland Press messages regarding R.I.N. strike, are entirely baseless.

MAYOR DEMANDS IMPARTIAL INQUIRY

Hopes Govt. Will Bring To Book Those Responsible For Heavy Damage To Property And Loss Of So Many Lives

BOMBAY, Monday.

Dr. Alban DeSouza, Mayor, made reference to the recent disturbances in the city in the Municipal Corporation to-day.

The Mayor said:

During the last three days, the City has had the misfortune of witnessing disturbances unprecedented in its history. Never had there been such an orgy of violence, arson and looting. Mob rule appeared to have its sway all over.

As a result of the disturbances and police and military firing many lives have been lost and several injured, most of whom were innocent. According to to-day's report there have been not less than 270 dead and 1,260 injured.

In this connection I have to refer to the splendidly organised work done at our K.E.M. Hospital by the Dean, the Hospital staff and especially the students. The spirit of service evinced by all was indeed great. Out of the 291 cases admitted, 90 died.

Fortunately the situation is now much improved. Trams have resumed running in certain parts, the business which was entirely paralysed, is being carried on in several localities and there are distinct signs of the City coming to the normal shortly.

Let us hope that very soon normal conditions will be restored and the City will begin its peaceful life once again. However, I am sure you will all agree that the whole of the disgraceful episode calls for a searching inquiry into the causes of the occurrences and also the handling of the situation by the authorities responsible. I, therefore, trust and hope that Government will set up an impartial inquiry and bring to book those responsible for the heavy damage to property and loss of so many precious lives of innocent citizens.

FOR CARD-HOLDERS OF LOOTED RATION SHOPS.

A Press Note issued by the P.R.O. (Rationing) says:—

Sixty-three Government grainshops were looted during the recent disturbances. About 24 of these, which were not damaged, have already been reopened. As regards the rest, they will be reopened as soon as the necessary repairs are completed. Meanwhile the card-holders registered at them can go to the nearest Government grain shop in the locality and draw rations from it.

The G (north) and E (west) ward rationing offices which were damaged during the recent disturbances will reopen from Tuesday (Feb. 26).

POSTAL PROBLEM.

Postal authorities in Bombay are faced with the problem of restoring normal working conditions in about 24 post offices scattered all over the City. Out of a total of 77 post offices, 17 offices were completely gutted during the disturbances. Thousands of postal parcels, insured articles, and telegraph instruments, furniture, electric lights and fans and safes have been destroyed. The total loss has not yet been ascertained but loss in cash and stamps alone will amount to several lakhs of rupees.

A high postal official told an "Associated Press of India" reporter to-day that it would take three to six months to put these post offices back in normal working order. As the immediate task is of diverting postal work to other offices which are now functioning, the postal authorities have suspended booking of insured letters, insured parcels, parcels and money orders in all sub-offices from Mahim on the B.B.C.I. side upto Matunga on the G.I.P. side. The General Post Office, Bombay, Colaba, Kalbadevi, Mandvi, Malabar Hill and those other post offices where the disturbances have subsided, are open for all transactions. Twenty-four post offices have been closed down for the time being.

INQUIRY INTO DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

It is understood that the postal authorities are considering the question of compensation. As for the loss sustained by the Postal Department, it is learnt, a gazetted officer is being specially appointed to enquire into the incidents and assess the amount of loss and damage to postal property. The Post-master General, Bombay, is stated to be discussing the question in all its aspects with the Director-General of Posts and Telegraphs, New Delhi.

The postal authorities have recovered four iron safes which had been removed by the mobs and abandoned on the roads as they could not open them. In one instance, a safe containing stamps, insured letters and cash valued at Rs. 15,000 was secured, although it borne marks of attempts by hooligans to damage it.

FREEDOM FOR FRENCH COLONIES

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter): Paris Radio today reported that the French Minister for Colonies M. Marius Moutet speaking in Paris stated that the French Government intends to accord full emancipation to the population of all French colonies. "We will not tolerate any prejudice against black or yellow peoples as we will not tolerate any white racial prejudice", he said.

2,000 Evacuees To Return To Burma

CALCUTTA, Feb. 25 (A.P.I.): About 2,000 evacuees from Burma are expected to leave for Burma on the 6th March from Calcutta.

They will sail by the S. S. 'Jalagopal' of the Scindia Steam Navigation Company. On her return voyage the 'Jalagopal' is expected to bring back Indians from Burma.

RUSSIAN DIVISION FOR MANCHURIA?

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Persistent but unconfirmed reports that a Russian division from Poland has reached Manchuria are current in Chungking, stated an American News Agency despatch received from that city tonight.

BULGARIAN INDEMNITIES TO GREECE

ATHENS, Feb. 26 (Reuter): The Greek Government has addressed a protest to the Allied Governments alleging violation by Bulgaria of the Armistice Protocol fixing certain indemnities to be paid by Bulgaria to Greece for damage and destruction caused during the occupation pending final assessment of reparations.

INDIAN CHEMICAL MISSION

KARACHI, Feb. 26 (A.P.I.): Three members of the Indian Chemical Missin, Messrs. L. Gupta, S. T. Sen and R. B. Amin arrived in Karachi from London today and left for their various places.

KEEP AWAY FROM PARTY POLITICS

Kripalani's Advice To Students

MADRAS, Feb. 24. (A.P.I.): Acharya Kripalani, General Secretary of the Indian National Congress, inaugurating the second annual conference of the Indian Students' Congress, Madras, to-day likened the Congress "in the hands of people who were not able to put proper sacrifice, proper service and proper wisdom into it" to a "sensitive instrument in the hands of a monkey which might injure it".

He requested the students to keep away from party politics. Party politics, he said, brought down the reputation of not only the organisation but also of the man who fought for it. Party politics were not meant for India, which was a slave country. For India the motto must be: "Patriotism and Patriotic Service."

DECLARE INDIA'S INDEPENDENCE.

"The decision of the British Government to send three of its Cabinet Members to India does not enthuse our people. India demands full control over her affairs and over her destiny" observed Mr. Ashok Mehta, Congress Socialist leader, presiding over the conference.

He said that declaration of India's independence should be a prelude for any negotiation and India would welcome the Secretary of State only if he came to announce the liquidation of the India Office.

BENGALI "HARIJAN"

CALCUTTA, Feb. 25. (U.P.I.): The Bengal Edition of the "Harijan" with faithful translations of Gandhiji's articles was brought out yesterday from Calcutta

THEY GIVE UP HUNGER-STRIKE

MADRAS, Feb. 25 (A.P.I.): Mrs. Saraswathi Pandurangam and Srimathi Tripurasundari Ammal, who were on hunger-strike for the past 48 hours at the Tamilnad Congress Committee office as a protest against the inadequate representation given to women in the selection of Congress candidates for the ensuing elections, broke their fast this evening on the advice of Messrs. Kamaraj Nadar, President of the Tamilnad Congress, and Bakthavathsalam and Mrs. Rukmini Lakshmipathy.

AWARI GETTING WEAKER

NAGPUR, Feb. 25 (A.P.I.): Mr. Awari who entered the eighth day of his fast today is now feeling weaker and his doctors who examined him daily have forbidden him to speak to anyone. He continues to take water.

Rice Rationing In Three Punjab Towns

LAHORE, Feb. 25. (A.P.I.): "Rice rationing is to be introduced in the three largest towns of the Punjab—Lahore, Amritsar and Rawalpindi", announced Mr. M. N. Mangat Rai, Additional Director of Civil Supplies (Rationing) in a broadcast from the Lahore station of the All-India Radio.

NEW STRIKE WAVE IN AMERICA

Detroit, Cleveland And New York Force Industrial Paralysis

NEW YORK, Feb. 25. (Reuter): The United States, already seriously plagued by crippling strikes in various sections, appear to-day to be facing new paralysing threats in three major industrial centres—Detroit, Cleveland, and New York.

Mayor William O'Dwyer of New York, calling on the President of the Congress of Industrial Organisations, Mr. Philip Murray, to intervene in an effort to call off the proposed C.I.O. Transit Strike which is to begin after mid-night on Tuesday, said that the city could not recognise any Union as sole bargaining agency, which was demanded by Transport Workers Union leader Quill. But Mayor O'Dwyer promised that the city would give favourable consideration to the workers' demands for two dollars per day wage increase.

Despite the worker's warning against employing strike breakers to run the city transit system, Mr. O'Dwyer has already briefed police and civilian Disaster Board confidentially for action in the event of an emergency.

While General Motors strike continued, Detroit was burdened with other troubles as well. General Motors workers expressed dissatisfaction with optimism voiced by the special Government mediator, Mr. James F. Dewey, over the progress in the negotiations. Union chiefs said there was no basis for optimism.

The city's housewives wearied by five days' strike of milk deliveries were joked when a walkout of salesmen and drivers threatened to endanger bread deliveries.

In Cleveland hundreds of workers of Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Company threatened to come out in support of demands for higher pay.

Bright spots in the news came from Pittsburgh, where the threat of power strike eased when the Duquesne Power Company offered to arbitrate in the dispute and from Houston, Texas, where a planned shutdown of waterworks and other public utilities was called off by the Trade Unions Council.

Australian Rice For Export

MELBOURNE, Feb. 25. (Reuter). Mr. W. J. Scully, Australian Minister of Agriculture said here that the British Food Ministry had accepted an Australian offer of 20,000 tons of dressed rice from the 1946-47 crop. This mean; that there would be no rice available in Australia from the harvest except for invalids, hospitals and rice-eating aliens.

Rice will be subject to the commendations of Combined Food Board in Washington, which would mean that in accordance with the "short haul" policy it would not go to Britain but doubtless to British territories, Mr. Scully said.

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Director, Bhagyalakshmi Cotton Mills Ltd., 25, Rajani Sen Road, Calcutta.

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Messrs. H C. Das and Co., R.A. Incorporated Accountants.
1/1, Vansittart Row, Calcutta.

SOLICITORS.

Messrs. M. K. Roy Chowdhury & Co.
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The acreage excepting tea plantation is under forest, Sum Grass, Bamboo, Paddy Land, etc., and yields a decent income.

Export Quota: The Crop basis for the estates as allowed by the Indian Tea Licensing Committee is 4.08.262 lbs.

ESTIMATE OF PROFIT AND DIVIDEND

The following is a conservative estimate of Profits from the working of the estate for the season beginning with 1st January 1946 and ending on 31st December 1946.

The estimated yield of 5,500 Mds. of Tea @ Rs. 70/- per Md. (i.e., -/14/- per lb Government purchase price being -/14/6 per lb.)		Rs. 3,85,000/-
LESS: Cost of Production	Rs. 1,75,000/-	
Other Expenses	Rs 35,000/-	Rs. 2,10,000/-
Balance ..		Rs. 1,75,000/-

This profit of Rs. 1,75,000 is available for distribution to the shareholders which will work out to around 7% on the total outlay of Rs. 12,00,000/-

SITUATION OF THE GARDEN

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AGREEMENT OF PURCHASE.

An agreement of purchase has already been completed by the Managing Agents of the Company with Messrs Gillanders Arbuthnot and Co., Calcutta by which the latter agreed to sell the estates for Rs. 11,50,000 in Cash, which property Messrs. Indian Planters Ltd., will in turn transfer to the Company at an agreed price of Rs. 12,00,000 (Twelve Lakhs) inclusive of all expenses preliminary and incidental, stamps registrations and solicitors fees.

The present issue is for Rs 5,00,000 only but the purchase price is Rs. 12,00,000. The balance money for the purchase of the estates, preliminary and other expenses and working capital will be found from the Managing Agents and the Directors consider that the resource of the Managing Agents are sufficient to discharge the obligations of the above.

GENERAL

The Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company may be inspected by any member at the Office of the Company during usual business hours, and may be purchased by any member on payment of Re 1 per copy.

Application for shares shall have to be made to the Managing Agents with necessary remittances.

Forms of share application and further particulars may be had at the Office of the Company or at the Office of the Company's Bankers.

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CITY AND SUBURBS

To-day

Hindu: Magh Vad 10, 2002
Muslim: Rabi-ul-Avval 23, 1365
Parsi: Shehrever 26, 1315
Sunrise: 7-1 a.m. Sunset: 6-43 p.m.
Hightide: 05-52, 21-20
Lowtide: 01-26, 13-31.

Today's Engagements

INDIAN NATIONAL THEATRE: The drama of "Awaz" which the Indian National Theatre was to stage for the entertainment of the members of the B.E.S.T. Workers' Union on the 26th instant at 9 p.m. at the Damodar Hall has been postponed

GATHA SOCIETY: There will be no meeting to-day (Tuesday) on account of curfew order.

THE SILVERFISH: Due to enforcement of Curfew Order, Mr. Mardhekar's Talk on Thursday at the Silverfish, is cancelled.

ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY: Weekly Luncheon Meeting at 1 p.m. at Green's Hotel. Honorary Rotarian Sir John Colville, will give a short talk on current affairs.

ASSOCIATION OF INDIAN INDUSTRIES: The tenth monthly meeting of the Managing Committee that was to be held on Wednesday the February 27 has been postponed to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, the 6th March. The venue and the Agenda remains the same.

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS COMMITTEE: The Municipal Primary Schools in the City will work as usual but due to the Curfew order, the meeting time of the Morning session of the schools will be 8 a.m. (B.T.) instead of 7 a.m. (B.T.) and the Municipal Schools will close one hour earlier i.e. to say at 3-5 p.m. (B.T.) instead of at 4-5 p.m. (B.T.) till the Curfew Order is in force."

POSTAL HOLIDAY: Saturday March 2, will be a Post Office Holiday on account of "Mahashivratri". All the Departments of the Bombay G.P.O. and the T.S.O.s will observe on that day the same working hours as on Sundays. The telegraph branches of the following combined Post and Telegraph offices will however remain open and work as usual. Bandra, Bombay G.P.O. Colaba, Dadar, Dharavi, Girgaon, Grant Road, Kalbadevi, Mazgaon, Malbar Hill, Mandvi, Matunga, Parel, Sion, Santa Cruz and V. Parle.

ROLL OF PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY: The public of Suburban Distare requested to see the list, i.e. Roll of Provincial Assembly and cards whether their names have been registered or not at the following places:—

(1) Dattaram Baburao Jagtap Esqr. Juhu Tara Koliwada, (2) Devram Mahadeo Desai Esqr. Colony Junu and (3) Harishankar R. Patil Esqr. Gaothan, Juhu.

GIRGAUM DISTRICT CONGRESS COMMITTEE: Those who are desirous of working as volunteers for the ensuing Provincial Legislative Election which is to take place on the 11th March 1946 are requested to give their names before 28th February 1946 between 8 a.m. to 11-30 a.m. in the Congress House Compound in the above office.

BOMBAY CORPORATION ADJOURNED

The Bombay Municipal Corporation adjourned on Thursday as a mark of respect for the memory of Mr. K. G. Tambe, who was a sitting member for the last 11 years and Mr. M. S. Nazim Baksh who was a member of the Corporation from 1939 to 41.

GUJARAT JOURNALISTS' CONFERENCE POSTPONED

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 25. (A.P.I.): The working Journalists' Association of Ahmedabad which had decided to call the Gujarat working journalists' conference in the beginning of March under the Presidentship of Mr. Devdas Gandhi has postponed the conference in view of the disturbances in Bombay and the visit of Mahatma Gandhi to Bardoli.

PAPER CONTROLLER'S OFFICE ABOLISHED

NEW DELHI, Feb. 25 (A.P.I.): It has been decided to abolish on February 28, 1946, the office of the Paper Controller, India, located at Calcutta, says a Press Note.

WHERE TO SUBMIT RETURNS

In consequence of this decision notifications have been issued in a Gazette of India Extraordinary dated February 26, 1946, making amendments to the following orders relating to Paper Control so as to require after that date the submission of returns prescribed therein to the Central Government in the department of industries and Supplies instead of the Paper Controller, India:—Paper Control (distribution) Order, 1944; Paper (Prices of Imported Paper) Control Order, 1944, Paper Control (Prices of Board) Order, 1944; and Paper Price Control Order, 1945.

West Coast Steamship Service

BOMBAY, Feb. 25: The coastal passenger steamship service is being resumed from Bombay along the West Coast up to Mangalore from today. The first vessel 'St. Anthony' will leave Bombay from ferry wharf today and call at Vengurla, Karwar, Kumpta, Bhatkal and Malpe.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

BOMBAY—1.
TUESDAY, Feb. 26.

244 m. (1,231 kc/s)—8.0 a.m. News (H) 8-15 News (E) 8-30 V. V. Gokhale 8.50 News (M) 9.0 News (G) 9.10 Narayan Das Jaikishan Das and Party 9-30 Ram Marathe.

12.0 p.m. Tea Shop Programme (G) 12.30 Gujarati Songs 12.45 News (M) 12-50 News (G) 12-55 News (H) 1.0 Wali Mohammad 1.30 News (E) 1.40 Music 4.20 School Broadcast 5-0 V. V. Gokhale 5.15 Kavita Vachan 5.30 Shantilal B. Shah 5-45 Topical Talk (G) 5.55 Locals 6.0 Forces Programme 6.30 News (E) 6-40 News (H) 6.45 Pramila Jadhav 7.0 "Romeo Juliet" 7.30 Padma Shaligram 8-0 Chalu Arthic Ghadamodi 8.15 News (M) 8.30 News (G) 8-45 Kahan Chaliga 9.0 News (H) 9.15 News (E) 9.30 B. B. C. News Relay 9.40 Programme Parade 9-45 Home and Factory 10.0 C. P. Bramble 10.10 Interlude 10.15 George Lester 10.30 London Philharmonic" Orchestra.

MISSING

Sevantilal D. Mehta, 18 year old student of Sydenham College is missing since Friday last. If anybody gets information about him kindly ring up Tel. No. 60477.

If Sevantilal happens to read this he is urged to contact his father.

W. I. TENNIS TOURNAMENT OPENS

Very Crowded Programme On Opening Day

BOMBAY, Monday.

The first post-war Tennis Tournaments to be held in Bombay, the Western India Tennis Tournaments, opened today when a number of matches in the first and second round of men's singles and some matches in women's singles were decided. The Tournament was scheduled to start on Saturday, but owing to the disturbances in the city were postponed for a couple of days.

A very crowded programme marked the opening day and a few keen matches were witnessed. The most long-drawn out battle of the evening was between Shirgaokar and Shivdasani which stretched into the decider and the former narrowly reached home with the score at 8—6, 4—6, 8—6.

The preliminary rounds of the tournament will be played in the morning as well, since the tournament has to be finished in a short time.

The following are the programmes for the day.

In the morning:

8-0 a. m. onwards: Third round of men's singles.

In the evening:

4-0 p. m. onwards: Third round of men's singles and first round of men's doubles.

TROPHY IN MEMORY OF MUSLIM NATIONAL GUARD: "Khan Bahadur Haji Hassanally P. Ebrahim is going to present a Trophy in memory of late Munshi Raza Ballomia, Muslim National Guard, who died in the performance of his duty at the Corner of Grant Road on the 22nd February, 1946. This Trophy is given to the Muslim National Guards for the outstanding service during the official year."

BOMBAY, Feb. 25 (A.P.I.): Mr. K. S. Ranga Rao, the Honorary Secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India has arrived in Bombay to attend a meeting of the Board.

CITY HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Activities Wound Up After 5 Years Of Service To Fighting Forces

BOMBAY, Monday.

After about five years' activity the Bombay Hospitality Committee is to be wound up from March 31, although two of the canteens run by the Committee may be continued under a new Committee.

This decision was endorsed at a meeting of the Committee, held at the Secretariat this morning.

Sir John Colville, Governor of Bombay, in a valedictory address paid a tribute to the workers of the Committee and said that in no city had the fighting services been better served than in Bombay.

Sir Hugh Clayton, Chairman of the Committee giving an account of the Committee's activities, thanked Sir Byramjee Jeejeebhoy, for the use of the Jehangir Building for the Services Canteen.

Lady Petit gave a report of the work of the Services Canteen in Jehangir Building and the Sir Alwyn Ezra Canteen in the Town Hall.

Sir Cowasji Jehangir gave a report of the Indian Canteen Sub-Committee, Sir John Greaves of the Bath Canteen and Mrs. Hampton of the private hospitality extended to servicemen.

Peace Emissary Succumbs To Injuries

Mr. I. I. Chundrigar, President of the Bombay Provincial Muslim League writes:

Munshi Reza Balloomia, a Muslim National Guard received a bullet wound on the 22nd instant near Grant Road Corner, while discharging his duties, and succumbed to his injuries an hour later. He was on a mission of peace and was actually appealing to the crowd to disperse and maintain peace and tranquillity. It is a matter of regret that an emissary of peace should have been hit in this manner and should have lost his life. The deceased was a useful member of the Muslim National Guard Organisation, which is rendering splendid services to the Mussalmans in these critical times.

LEAGUERS CONDOLE M. R. BALLOOMIA'S DEATH

BOMBAY, Feb. 25: A resolution expressing deep appreciation of the sacrifices of late Munshi Raza Balloomia, a Muslim National Guard, who lost his life while performing his duty in the recent disturbances on February 22, was passed by the Executive Committee of the Muslim League Relief Committee. Khan Bahadur Hasanali P. Ibrahim presided.

Bhargava-Patel Talks Over Punjab Developments

Congress Parliamentary Board In Favour Of Coalition Of All Parties?: Governor To Consult Leaders On Feb. 27

(From Our Correspondent)

LAHORE, Feb. 25.—Dr. Gopichand Bhargava, prominent Congress leader from the Punjab who had gone to Bombay to acquaint Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and the Central Parliamentary Board with the parliamentary politics of the Punjab returned to Lahore. After reaching here he had talks with the Congress President at the aerodrome and conveyed the gist of the talks he had with Sardar Patel.

It is understood the Central Parliamentary Board favoured Congress Coalition with all parties. A meeting of the newly elected Congress Party is fixed for February 27 under the guidance of the Congress President. It is gathered some very prominent Akali leaders had been carrying on negotiations with Sir Feroze Khan Noon regarding Congress League and League Akali Coalition in the Punjab.

PATEL URGED TO COME

Sardar Patel who was expected here communicated his inability to reach Lahore due to Bombay disturbances. This intimation of Sardar Patel is very much regretted and local leaders of the Congress and Unionists are in telephonic touch with Bombay persuading Sardar Patel to reach Lahore because bitterness during provincial elections between the Congress and the Akali Party has gone so deep that it is not within the power of Provincial leaders to negotiate with Akali Leaders. It is felt here that if Sardar Patel comes to Lahore he can do a lot to ease the bitterness. The Congress President is reaching Lahore on the 27th instant.

LEADERS TO BE CONSULTED

LAHORE, Feb. 25 (A.P.I.)—It is learned today that the Punjab Governor Sir Bertrand Glancy is calling various party leaders for consultation in regard to Ministry-making only after February 27, when the Muslim League and the Congress Parties will have chosen their respective party leaders and not until then. The Governor, it is pointed out, is not in a position at present to know whom to call and will naturally wait for Party Leaders to be elected.

The Muslim League legislators are meeting on the morning of the 27th to elect their leader and the Congress members on the same afternoon to choose theirs. The Congress President Maulana Azad will also be present at the party meeting in Lahore to guide the Congress members.

The Akali Party which now is 22 strong (one Independent Sikh Member joined the party yesterday) has already elected Sardar Baldev Singh, the only Sikh Minister in the present Unionist cabinet, as their leader.

The Leader of the Unionist Party, continues to be Lt.-Col. Malik Sir Khizar Hayat Khan Tiwana.

Ministry To Resign Today

LAHORE, Feb. 25 (U.P.I.)—The present Ministry is tendering resignation tomorrow and it is likely to be asked to carry on as no definite outcome of negotiations between the parties is expected before the end of this month.

Some Congress quarters suggest the formation of a Coalition Parliamentary Party on the lines of Sind and express the hope on the basis of the Congress Election Manifesto, such a coalition between the Congress, Unionists and Akalis is possible in the Punjab.

C. P. Leaguer Returned Unopposed

NAGPUR, Feb. 25. (A.P.I.): Khan Saheb Abdur Rahman Khan (Muslim League) has been returned unopposed to the C. P. Assembly from Buldana Muslim Rural Constituency. So far two Muslim League candidates have been returned unopposed. Khan Saheb Rahman is the Secretary of the C. P. Muslim League. He was the only candidate to file his nomination from that Constituency in Berar.

65-YEAR OLD MAN ON HUNGER-STRIKE

Protest Against Congress Nominations

SAMBALPUR, Feb. 24. (A.P.I.): The 65-year old President of the Sambalpur District Congress Committee, Pandit Ghanashyam Panigrahi, has gone on hunger-trike as a protest against the decision of the Central Congress Parliamentary Board in nominating Pandit Lakshminarain Misra and Mr. Deoji Haribhai Patel for election to the Orissa Assembly "ignoring the opinion of the District Congress Committee".

Pandit Panigrahi in a statement says that he is undertaking the fast to bring about a change of heart among the leaders.

Anandilal Poddar Returned To Bengal Assembly

CALCUTTA, Feb. 25. (U.P.I.): Mr. Anandilal Poddar who was re-elected to the Bengal Assembly from the Marwari Association Constituency has sent a letter resigning his Councilllorship of the Calcutta Corporation. Mr. Poddar had been the Deputy Mayor and Mayor of the Corporation.

WALKOVER TO BENGAL ASSEMBLY

DARJEELING, Feb. 24 (A.P.I.): Mr. D. G. Smythe Osbourne has been elected unopposed from Darjeeling European Constituency to the Bengal Legislative Assembly.

Adivasi Opposition To Congress Nominee

RANCHI, Feb. 22 (A.P.I.): The election contest in Ranchi district is rather keen, as compared with that in other places in Bihar.

The Congress is encountering organised opposition from the Adibasi Party in the Khunti Sub-Division and the Muslim League from the Momins in the Ranchi-cum-Singhbhum Mohammedan constituency.

Notices under Sec. 144 Cr. P. C. have been served on some Congress and Adibasi workers in an area in Khunti sub-division.

When Wavell Was A Subaltern

MELBOURNE, Feb. 25 (Reuter): Mr. James Dewar, former hall-keeper at the Melbourne Town Hall, who has died at the age of 64 always cherished a letter of reference which helped in his appointment in 1912.

It was signed by his officer in the Black Watch Lt. A. P. Wavell—now Lord Wavell, Viceroy of India.

TWO YEAR-OLD BOY MISSING

A two-year old boy Jayaram by name, of medium build and black colour, is missing from 21st inst. The child cannot speak. He has a blue shirt on, a black string in the neck with a gilt talisman and a red string in the waist. Those who find him must kindly communicate with Vasappa Mallappa, 28, Chapra Chawl, Jerbai Wadia Road, Poivada, Parel.

SWISS LABOUR AGAINST FRANCO

ZURICH, Feb. 25 (Reuter): The Swiss Federation of Trade Unions at a Congress here unanimously passed and expressed its sympathy with Spanish Republicans and Trade Unionists.

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Dr. H. L. Dey and Dr. B. K. Madan.

The Board began its work with collecting evidence on the claim of calcium chloride industry for protection, on an application made by the Pioneer Magnesia Works, Ltd. at Kharaghoda.

Sir Shenmukham Chetty and other members of the Board asked why the company had remained a private limited company and why it was not converted into a public limited concern.

Mr. Lalkaka the Managing Director of the Company replied that as the company was producing only two products, namely, magnesium chloride and calcium chloride no further capital was needed.

The discussion centred round the correct basis of the cost of production, and details were thrashed out as to how much quantity of various raw materials was needed for the production of Calcium Chloride per a particular unit.

The inquiry is proceeding.

TARIFF BOARD MEETS

Collects Evidence On Calcium Chloride Industry

BOMBAY, Monday.

The Indian Tariff Board appointed by the Government of India met at its office at Caltex House, Ballard Pier, this morning, Sir R. K. Shenmukham Chetty presided. Among other members of the Board were Mr. C. C. Desai, Dr. Nazir Ahmed.

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

What we all need to have taught us is that we are born not mere atoms floating independent and apart for a season..... and sucking up as much more than our share of nourishment as we can seize; nor citizens of the world no more definite duty than to keep our feelings toward all our fellows in a steady simmer of bland complacency; but soldiers in a host, citizens of a polity whose boundaries are not set down in maps ..... We need to be taught that we owe a share of our energies to the great struggle which is in ceaseless progress in all societies in an endless variety of forms, between new truth and old prejudice, between love of self or class and solicitous passion for justice, between the obstructive indolence and inertia of the many and the generous menial activity of the few. This is the sphere and the definition of the social conscience.

—JOHN MORLEY.

The Bombay Chronicle

THE REMEDY

The disturbances in the City have almost ended and though a feeling of nervousness is still prevalent, it may be presumed that normal conditions will be restored very soon. But the acute discontent created by a variety of circumstances, some of which are generations old, is persistent and has now spread even to the dian armed forces As the "Daily Herald" of London remarks, "Britain in India has many ancient wrongs to expiate; they leave their legacy today." Universal political discontent is aggravated by universal hunger and the "Herald" has reason to fear that a political upheaval in India now would lead to "a toll in human suffering surpassing the worst catastrophes of the war itself." The paper is not unaware of the halting attempts that are being made to solve the Indian problem and has reason to ask: "Are the words "Too Late" to be written as judgment on these endeavours"? If that should happen, it fears, authority may any day "pass fryom recognised leaders to incalculable passions aroused in the streets by riot and counter-action", and every responsible person would shudder at the consequences.

What then is the remedy? In answering this question, however, the "Herald" jibs and only says: "Today also, it is the sincere wish of the British Government and the British people that the Indian people shall be free to control their own destinies. If that fact can be known the final tragedy can still be avoided." If "today also" the sincere wish should not fail to be translated into action, the paper should have said to Britain unequivocally: "Quit India at once as friend." We can only hope that the Cabinet Delegation is coming to India with that very decision. Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru expresses that hope when he says: "As I understand the statements made in Parliament and outside by Lord Pethick-Lawrence, they are coming out not with a view to survey the situation but to get things done. What they are aiming at is to secure the widest possible measure of agreement and are not giving right to any party to hold up the progress of the country." Assuming that to be their decision, Sir Tej suggests "if the mission which is coming out to India makes it plain within the first few days of its arrival that they are determined to transfer real power to India, that will make people think seriously about it and put them in a mood of co-operation." But we do not see why the declaration should not be made at once. That will not only put people in a mood of co-operation but may also enable them to prepare at least a tentative scheme of co-operation. Sir Tej also suggests that the Delegation must go straight to the main issue before them as to how best they can set up a new Central Government for the interim period which would really be a Caretaker Government and then to establish a constitution-making body." With regard to the new Central Government, too, there is no reason why it should wait till after the arrival of the Mission. At a time when economic and political troubles are brewing it is necessary to have a popular Government at the Centre at once to deal with them.

As regards the Constituent Assembly, its details may well be considered by the Delegation in consultation with party leaders and provincial Governments. But some of its features, as suggested by the Congress, deserve wider publicity than they have so far received. Else there may be much avoidable misunderstanding about Congress attitude. Pandit Jawaharlal, appreciating this point of view, remarked in a recent statement: "There is no desire to settle the question of the demand for Pakistan by a mere majority vote of the Constituent Assembly. It is hoped that an agreement will be arrived at then. If not, it is open to areas where the Muslims are in a majority to vote on the issue.' In other words, if there is to be no agreement at the All-India Constituent Assembly, it may be followed by one or more Assemblies to decide about those areas which want to keep away from the Indian Union. It is wrong for any one to suggest that an All-India Constituent Assembly will force its will on the provinces. We still hope that a satisfactory settlement will be arrived at the All-India Constituent Assembly on the basis of the widest possible power to the federating units.

Where There Is A Will...

Gandhi-ji has rightly emphasised in the "Harijan" the supreme need for self-help in the case of every individual Indian who is concerned about the safety of himself and his kith and kin as well as of others in this country during the coming critical months of food shortage. He asks every Indian to consume only the minimum quantity of foodstuffs that will be necessary to keep him alive and in health, regardless of whether the Government is able or not to import food grains from abroad. When the very existence of millions is at stake, it is surely the height of wisdom to minimize one's own needs and to conserve as much food as possible so as to be able to help fellow-countrymen to tide over a crisis that may materialise during the course of the year. If sufficient quantities of food grains are made available from abroad, they will, of course, be most welcome, but as Gandhiji aptly remarks, God helps those who help themselves. The conservation of food should proceed side by side with efforts to grow more food—even if they be nothing more than leafy and other vegetables and fruits. As he says, there is lamentable ignorance among the masses—and particularly among the so-called educated classes—regarding the method and practicability of growing vegetables and fruit with speed. But where there is a will there is a way and the necessary knowledge can be obtained from those who are better equipped with it, if genuine effort is made. It is to be hoped that earnest efforts will be made by every thinking individual in this country to profit by Gandhiji's advice.

Frankly Speaking

Moscow Reacts

It was not to be expected that Moscow would not react sharply to Mr. Ernest Bevin's speech. It has. Of course, it is straining facts too much to suggest that Mr. Bevin made himself ridiculous or lost the sympathies of the world by his speeches in the Security Council. They were a mixture of good and bad even as were the speeches of M. Vyshinsky. But Moscow criticisms are as welcome as the criticisms of Mr. Bevin. So are the recent Soviet commentaries on the situation, for instance, in India and Egypt. The world will gain, and, we believe eventually the cause of world peace too by an open ventilation of Big Power conflicts and tempers. Secret diplomacy and secret power politics have afflicted the world too long. Let everything be said and done before the whole world, even the washing of Allied dirty linen.

The Reality

At an entertainment given by Sir Archibald Clark Kerr at Batavia, Dr. Sultan Sjahrir and Dr. Van Mook, says a report, sat on the right and left of the British Envoy. Observance of correct social manners, however, neither influences nor indicates political agreement. The reality of the situation is what the United Press of America reports from Dutch sources themselves, namely, that the solution of the Indonesian problem is months away and that Dr. Van Mook's proposals are making little headway despite Sir Archibald Clark Kerr's Conferences with Dr. Sultan Sjahrir. The Dutch are apparently trying to misrepresent the Republican movement and create doubts in the minds of the world by suggestions of internal differences and so on among Indonesians. But the fact is that the Indonesians distrust the Dutch and have no doubt about the Van Mook proposals being quite inadequate. What is more, the Indonesians are prepared to fight it out with Dutch imperialist forces. All this is virtually admitted. In the circumstances what is needed as a solution of the problem is an honest acknowledgement that Indonesia is determined to be independent and to concede the Indonesian demand.

Is It True?

Speculation over the reasons of the Russian delay in evacuating Manchuria is intensified by a British correspondent's suggestion, made in interpretation of a Russian General's "hint", that the Red Army will leave the country when the American forces leave China proper. This "hint" does not, however, square with the fact that the Russians had set themselves a time limit without regard to American military plans in China proper. It may be that the international Big Three situation, as it has developed since, has made the Soviet Union revise its promise. But does that alone wholly cover the situation? A significant revelation—if it is correct—has been made in a report that at the Yalta Conference a Big Three agreement was arrived at under which certain concessions were granted to the Soviet Union in Chinese Manchuria without the knowledge of China. This fully justifies Chinese protests that have just been made. The suggestion, moreover, is that the concessions militate against the Sovereign rights of China in Manchuria. This may, perhaps, be the main reason for the Sino-Russian situation in Manchuria which is developing into a serious deadlock.

Egypt's Determination

It is not clear how the clash between Egyptian demonstrators and British troops started. According to the British it was mainly the fault of the demonstrators. According to Egyptians and the Moscow radio it was due to the British troops, who offered provocation to the crowd. But even supposing the British version is correct, it does not justify the nature of the protest, especially the threat made by the British Government. It is now emphasised that the British protest does not amount to a formal decision to postpone treaty revision discussions, but does emphatically stress the need for such discussions to take place in a tranquil atmosphere. In that case the protest was badly worded. As to a tranquil atmosphere it is undoubtedly necessary and even the Egyptians will not deny it. But even more undeniable is the fact that the Egyptians are tired of British domination over Egypt—and Sudan, too—and are united to a man to make an end of that domination. This should be realised by the British.

Women In Legislature

The demand of certain women Congress workers of Madras that 50 per cent of the seats in the legislature should be reserved for women as they form 50 per cent of the population is to carry too far the principle of proportional representation. But a few seats may well be reserved for women in each provincial Assembly, especially where women have received training in public service in Congress Committees, women's organisations or other public bodies. In any case, it is ridiculous for women or men to resort to hunger-strike as a protest against their failing to be elected or against any proposal of theirs being rejected. Intelligent men and women should rather rely on argument and educative propaganda in the press and on the platform.

Responsible Government In Kathiawar

Mr. Morarji Desai's Plain Speaking At Dhrangadhra

BY A LOOKER-ON

Mr. Morarji Desai, Secretary of the Gujarat Provincial Congress Committee, addressed a crowded gathering at Dhrangadhra on the night of February 17. A time was, said, he when they were blissfully ignorant alike of their parasitic helplessness and of their inalienable birth-right of liberty. Thanks, however, to the unremitting endeavours of the Congress for the last few years the people of India had at present developed corporate consciousness and shaken tnemselves free from slave mentality, judging from the heroic sacrifices cheerfully made by them after the incarceration of their leaders in 1942. If they failed to achieve their object, it was mainly because of their deficient perception of the potentialities of truth and ahimsa preached by Mahatma Gandhi.

Adverting to the subject of the Indian States Mr. Desai remarked that there was no essential difference between them and their compatriots in British India in respect of the goal they aimed at, namely, independence. Whatever flattering unction the Ruling Chiefs of the Indian States laid to their souls as sovereigns in their own territories, the fact remained that they had to carry out the behest of their foreign masters. Unless the Indians were masters in their own houses the existing evils were bound to be fossilized. Independence taught by the Congress as the open sesame to national regeneration would alone deliver them from the slough of despondency.

SOVEREIGNTY OF PEOPLE

Proceeding, Mr. Desai pointed out that the Kathiawar Political Conference stressed the need for granting responsible government to the people of the Kathiawar States inasmuch as one-man rule was an anachronism persisting in India alone. In Britain, for instance, the King had no power. Power resided in the people, whose will the King could not lightly brush aside. The continued existence of the institution of kinship in Britain was mainly due to the monarch's bland acceptance of the omnipotence of the public will. It would be conducive to the best interests of the rulers and the ruled alike if the Ruling Chiefs in Kathiawar were to decide betimes to assume the role of constitutional monarchs in frank recognition of the growing impatience of the people with Arbitrary government. The forward movement was irresistible, and it behoved the Ruling Chiefs to read the signs of the times and give the people genuine responsible government, not as a boon they bestowed on the people, but as a duty they discharged towards their subjects.

COUNCIL OF STATE ELECTORAL ROLLS

The First Publication of the electoral rolls of the Bombay (Non-Muhammadan) and the Bombay Presidency (Muhammadan—relating to Bombay City only) Constituencies of the Council of State has been made on Monday, February 25, at the Headquarters Office of the Collector of Bombay and Returning Officer. Any claims and objections, whether relating to fresh enlistment or deletions of names or changes in names from initials to full names or corrections of addresses, misprints and the like, should be made in writing in four copies to the Revising Authorities, namely, in the City of Bombay, the Chief Judge of the Court of Small Causes, Bombay and in any other area the District Judge within whose jurisdiction the area is situate before March 7.

Strategic Trusteeship Fades In The Pacific

BY. "PERTINAX"

LONDON, Feb. 15.

There is good authority for believing that the so-called system of strategic trusteeship has ceased to be favoured in Washington. All the indications available here are to the effect that this system has been discarded and that henceforth very little will be heard of it. In the former Japanese islands now under the American flag direct annexation is likely to be the rule as far as areas of a specifically strategic importance are concerned. Everything else will be held in accordance with the ordinary pattern of United Nations international trusteeship.

The device commonly known as strategic trusteeship has been abandoned. That really means that a strategic area is to be taken away from the supervision of the Council of International Trusteeship as well as from the United Nations Assembly and placed under the control of the Security Council. The plan was that the United States, as a permanent member of the Security Council, should enjoy under this arrangement a greater freedom of movement in all matters relating to its military security in the Pacific Ocean, than if it had to abide by the rulings and control of the Trusteeship Council.

A COMPROMISE

The whole plan of strategic trusteeship came into being last spring as a compromise between two American schools of thought. On the one hand naval men and diplomats insisted that the islands to be taken from the Japanese were an integral part of the outer defences of America. On the other hand many State Department officials openly declared that if the United States did not want to have anything to do with international trusteeship when called upon to provide for the administration of territories won in battle, other powers would not be slow to take a leaf out of America's book and flout international authority in the old mandated territories.

The two schools came to terms and the system of strategic trusteeship was the outcome. Since last summer, however, circumstances have altered. Today the supporters of the strategic trusteeship idea seem to have vanished. For one thing the Soviet Union maybe expected to incorporate the Kurile Archipelago in its national domain. The United States can ill afford to put up in the Pacific with any measure of international control having no counterpart on the Russian side. Moreover the Security Council as tested in its first session in London gives the impression of being at the very centre of all political storms. It is felt that this is not the time for any Government deliberately to extend the scope of the Security Council's activities and thus to increase existing possibilities for friction and conflict. As a prominent military man put it to this correspondent today, the formula of a strategic trusteeship has only a very slender chance to be translated into concrete fact, but it will be stored away in the arsenal of the United Nations and may eventually be brought out and possibly be found useful to the world.

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Subsidise And Concentrate Now On Short-Term Food Crops

Venkatramani Calls For Total Mobilisation On Food Front To Fight Famine

ALWAR, (By Mail): Mr. K. S. Venkataramani has issued the following statement to the Press:

Three basic factors govern the food problem which has become critical through years of neglect:

(A) Increase of production all round: grains, pulses and oil-seeds. (B) Avoidance of waste and damage especially in storage and transport and (C) Zonal economic planning aiming at self-sufficiency, lessening the burden of transport and the inevitable waste.

The immediate short-term measures to be taken by the Government are: (1) A subsidy based on results to any one who would grow immediately short term food crop through well-irrigation or otherwise. (2) A total mobilisation of the Engineers and Agricultural experts, setting them to work on a collective farm of say 500 acres in each district with a directive to produce a short term food crop suited to the area, if necessary, blasting one well for every five acres of land. (3) Drive against departmental corruption and drastic punishment for hoarding, and waste in festivities. (4) Drive against waste in procurement, storage and transport. Government being new to the job, I suspect there is at least 5 per cent avoidable waste on this score. (5) Import of food-stuffs, as much as possible. (6) Scientific storage facilities all over, eliminating waste. (7) Accurate rural survey and statistics are urgent. The procurement policy should be based on real exportable surplus in villages, thus guarding against rural starvation which never gets publicity.

The long term measures to be taken are: (1) Our system of land tenure is the tap root of our poverty and failure. Agricultural prosperity is impossible without agrarian reforms. Some recognition of the rights of the tiller in the soil he tills is necessary. This reform alone will give us 25 per cent increase. (2) Scientific agriculture; all the gains of science should be used in a clear-cut, co-ordinated drive; improved seeds, implements and manure. (3) Full attention to minor irrigation works. (4) A systematic policy of giving every five acres of land one irrigation well in dry rain-fed areas. This is healthy and the best protective against famine and monsoon failures. A Ten-year well-Plan for India. (5) A Grand Trunk Canal System connecting the Indus, the Ganges and the Cauvery. An Indus-Sutlej Canal cutting across the arid sands of Rajputana should be linked to a Canal from the Ganges Jumna, Somewhere in Central India and from there this Indus-Ganges Canal should run due South till Mysore, creating the irrigation spinal column of India. Electricity to be generated on the way wherever possible.

All this can be done in a Ten-year Plan with the help of the 400 millions of idle hands, thus assuring everyone his ration for the day in grains, pulses and oil-seeds. The main drive and initiative for this should come from the future National Central Government, federal in form but unitary in impulse and achievement. I shall adopt the Viceregal motto, "where there is a will, there is a way."

MAHATMA WARNS GOVT. AGAINST FOOD RIOTS

Corruption In The Administration Of Rationing System Must Be Rectified

SEVAGRAM, Feb. 24. (A.P.I.): Mahatma Gandhi in to-day's 'Harijan' amplifies his outlook towards the impending food crisis by answering the following two questions:

Question: "It is necessary to import as many food stuffs as possible. As it is, people do not get enough to eat. Any further reduction in rations is fraught with risk. It will mean further under-nourishment, making the people an easy prey to disease. It may even lead to food riots. As for increasing production it is most difficult, if not utterly impossible at the present juncture.

Answer: "I am aware that many people hold the views given above. But the argument does not impress me. People will find it unbearable to have their rations further reduced when they are already not getting enough to eat. But, if we accept, as I do, the Government figures are correct, foresight demands and it is our duty to swallow the bitter pill and ask the people to do likewise, that is, we should all eat less so that we can hold out till the next harvest.

To-day, because of the corrupt administration, the masses do not even get their just dues under the rationing system. It will be a great thing if this can be rectified so that everyone can get his or her share easily and truly.

If, however, we believe the Government figures to be wrong and continue the agitation for increased ration and if the Government concedes that demand, a time will come before the next harvest is in, when we shall be left without any food whatsoever and the poor will have to die an untimely death. We should take every care to avoid such a calamity. It will therefore, be wisdom on our part to put up with a reduction in the present rations.

Then, I do not think it is impossible to grow more food stuffs though I agree that it is difficult. The difficulty is due to our lack of knowledge and the requisite skill. If we are all optimistic and courageous and employ ourselves forthwith to produce whatever food we can by our individual effort, we shall probably be able before long to give the people a balanced diet and shorten the period of reduced rations.

My optimism is irrepressible, but I admit that nothing will be possible without whole-hearted co-operation on the part of both the Government and the public. Without it even the imported food stuffs may be squandered and maldistributed. Besides, we are not yet independent. Relying on outside help will make us still more dependent.

If, however, without relying on them, we do get imports of foodstuffs, we shall gratefully accept and make the best use of them.

While it is the duty of the Government to try to get food from outside, I do not think it is good for us to look either to them or to other countries.

But, if the people become united and determined to look to none save God for help and do not oppose such Governmental measures as they find useful, there will be no cause for disappointment. Such action will enable the people to emerge stronger from the ordeal.

Question: India does not produce enough cotton. This has to be imported from Africa and America. Peasants have not been allowed to grow cotton, the reason given being that they should grow more food.

Answer: This cannot apply to those who grow cotton for their own use. It can only be applicable in the case of those who grow cotton as a money crop. The Government has committed the crime of making cotton a commercial commodity. This sin cannot be wiped out by importing cotton. That can only aggravate the wrong. The eporxt of cotton was made solely for the benefit of Lancashire It thus became a commercial commodity in an artificial manner I can understand the prohibition against growing large quantities of cotton during war in certain areas in the interests of food production. To prohibit the growing of cotton altogether and depend on imports for our needs is no remedy for food scarcity. Wherever possible, people should grow cotton for their own use. I might understand, even tolerate, the policy of importing cotton for the use of Indian cloth mills. But if this policy prohibits the growing of cotton for the individual's own use it becomes wholly untenable and must therefore, be strongly resisted. This is a matter for the consideration of both the Government and the public."

NO EXPORT OF FOODGRAINS

Sen Replies To Khemka And Chetti

Mr. B. R. Sen, Food Secretary to the Government of India, has issued the following statement:

"My attention has been drawn to two statements attributed to Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti of Madras and Mr. Khemka, President of the Marwari Chamber of Commerce, Calcutta, which have appeared in certain newspapers alleging that exports of foodgrains from India were allowed last year in spite of Government statements to the contrary This criticism is based on a misapprehension of facts. The Government of India stopped all exports of foodgrains from the country in 1943. The embargo on export is effective and is strictly and scrupulously observed. The figures appearing in the Sea-

"GOONDA RAJ" AT THAKURDWAR"

We the undersigned tenants of Jitekar Wadi beg to state as follows for your information.

Since Friday "Goonda Raj" was prevailing in the city of Bombay and as a sequence thereof the "Goondas" at Fanaswadi Naka and on Thakurdwar Road began extorting monies from the public through assault and criminal intimidation with open knives

Not satisfied with such petty extortions from the passers-by, on Friday evening they extorted monies from various shop-keepers of Jitekar Wadi and also extorted monies from tenants of certain chawls in Jitekar Wadi on Saturday afternoon.

The proprietors of the three gold and silver shops were the victims of these "Goondas", and they each had to pay Rs. 100 to the "Goondas" as they threatened the persons that they would be assaulted, and that their shops would be looted and set on fire. These "Goondas" extorted the monies under the threat of stabbing them with an open knife which every one of them had in their hands.

When some of the tenants refused to pay any amount to these "Goondas" on Saturday noon they threatened the tenants that they would set the whole Jitenkarwadi on fire and that they would brutally assault the tenants whenever and wherever they are found and that they would molest and entrage the modesty of women-folk of Jitekar Wadi.

As they went out of the Wadi they began throwing stones and soda water bottles on the Jitekarwadi premises and the persons occupying the premises. This trouble started at about 4-45 p.m. on Saturday evening and lasted up to an hour and a half till the police party arrived on the scene. The tenants were in a helpless condition and they phoned to the Maharbavdi Police Station for police protection, but to their surprise the telephone lines were found not working at all. Two persons from the Wadi were sent to the Police station for police help and in the meantime the police party arrived.

When the Police party arrived, the "Goondas" ran away and some of them took shelter on the terrace of the Jawahar Mansion just opposite the Jitekar Wadi. Those who took shelter on the terrace were found throwing stones and soda water bottles on Jitekar Wadi premises in spite of the presence of the military. The police party was, however, able to arrest about 30 persons from Jawahar Mansion terrace and the places around it.

A Marwari shop-keeper by name Bhikamchand was approached by these "Goondas" on Saturday morning with an open knife for extorting from him a sum of Rs. 100. The shop-keeper was on the point of being assaulted but owing to the intervention of some able-bodied tenants the "Goondas" did not succeed in their game.

The names of persons from whom the monies have been extorted are as follows:—

(1) Rs. 100 from Mr. E. R. Malpekar, jewtiler, Jitekar Wadi.
(2) Rs. 100 from Mr. Laxman A. Palsekar, gold and silver merchant.
(3) Rs. 100 from Mr. V. R. Saraf, gold and silver merchant.
(4) Rs. 10 from Mr. Eknath Damodar.
(5) Rs. 2 Murlidhar Vishvnath.
(6) Rs. 2 from Mr. A. G. Datar, Room No. 6, Jitekar's Baithi Chawl.
(7) Rs. 2 from Balwantrai Maganlal Joshi, Jitekar's New Chawl, A. Block, Ground floor, Room No. 9.
(8) Rs. 5 from Pranlal Maganlal, above address, Room No. 4.
(9) Rs. 10 from Mr. Krishnarao, Room No. 3, B. Block.
(10) Rs. 10 from Jaswantlal N. Mehta, Room No. 4, B. Block.
(11) Rs. 10 from Ramanlal Hiralal, Room No. 5, B. Block.
(12) Rs. 10 Jayantilal Manilal, Room No. 7, B. Block Gr. floor.
(13) Rs. 80 from the tenants of the 3rd floor of A, B and C Blocks of New Chawl, Jitekar Wadi,
(14) Rs. 53 from the tenants of 1st. Floor of A and B block. New Chawl, Jitekar Wadi.
(15) Rs. 85 from the tenants of 2nd floor, of A and B Blocks New Chawl, Jitekarwadi.

Signed by nearly 100 persons, in particular by the following):

(1) BHIKAMCHAND UMEDMAL.
(2) KANCHANLAL MOTILAL DALAL.
(3) CHUNILAL S. TRIVEDI (B.A., LL.B., Advocate).
(4) HARIBHAI N. DESAI B.A.
(5) PONAMCHAND DIPAJI & CO.,
(6) HASTIMAL NTEMICHAND.
(7) TARACHAND GANAJI.
(8) DR. N. A. BHIDE, MB.B.S.
(9) DR. R. S. KELKAR, M.B.B.S.
(10) DR. P. V. DEHBARI, M.B.B.S. & OTHERS.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

LUCKNOW, Feb. 24.

The Government of India might apply economic sanctions against South Africa and call back the Indian High Commissioner as a protest against the proposed legislation by General Smuts to deal with the Indian question, said Dr. N. B. Khare in an interview.

A. P. I.—

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Lord Chorley, one of the Parliamentary Delegates, admits that Britain has ruled India "too much in the interests of the rich"

The noble Lord is rather unfair to his country and countrymen. The bearers of the White Man's Burden need occasional relaxation from their heavy work, which the rich in British and Indian India provide in the shapes of shikar, banquets, cocktail parties, charity bazars etc. If there were no rich where would the Burden and the Bearers be?

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There will be, Admiral Godfrey has told ratings, "a full and impartial inquiry into the complaints and grievances..."

Including an enquiry into the meaning of English words used by high dignitaries?

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"We shall achieve Pakistan and live in it"—Mr. M. A. Jinnah.

Is he planning mass migrations from "Hindustan" to "Pakistan"?

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"There is", says Mr. Jinnah with engaging frankness "no hiding the fact that we have not been successful in the Frontier Province".

But wait. This failure has revealed a very encouraging fact. The Pathan, who repudiated the League, has thereby assured Mr. Jinnah that he, the Pathan, "at heart is with the Muslim League".

You understand? If not put an ice-pack on your head.

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Batavia report: The Indonesian Premier, Dr. Sultan Sjahrir, and the Dutch Lieutenant Governor General Dr. H. Van Mook, sat side by side at an entertainment given by the British Envoy, Sir Archibald Clerk Kerr this evening.

We hope the British Envoy, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, was doubly entertained.

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According to Mr. Harry Pollit the British Communist, "Britain has more in common with European democracy and Soviet Socialism than American imperialism"

According to "Pravda" of Moscow, however, Britain has less—well, we mean to say what is "Pravda's" opinion of the British comrade's opinion of Britain and American imperialism?

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"You do not have to be a philosopher or a profound student of colonial policy to see that the people of India do not want to return to the old way of things".—A Moscow Commentator.

What? Of course, it is not M. Zaslavsky.

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Reorganisations, reports Reuters from Washington, of the United States counter-espionage and the entire system of Foreign Intelligence involving a budget of many million dollars is in progress.

Most satisfactory and reassuring.

Boss Of 150 Burglaries Bagged

LAHORE, Feb. 25 (A.P.I.): Two guns, 1,000 rounds of ammunition and large amount of looted property have been recovered from the possession of a habitual burglar who is stated to be responsible for about 150 burglaries in Lahore, Sialkot, Gujranwala and other districts of the Province.

Jagat Singh, the burglar who escaped from Amritsar jail eluded the police till he was arrested on Saturday last from a house in Qila Lachman Singh with a loaded revolver.

According to a high police official these weapons were stolen from the shop of Walter Locke and Co., Lahore.

Borne Trade Accounts as export of rice from India from April to November 1945 are easily explained. The following are the figures:

Ceylon	V..	42.302 tons.
Arabia		468 tons.
U. K.		23 tons.
Bahrein Island		5 tons.
Others		62 tons.
Total		42.860 tons.

The main item is that regarding Ceylon. As the programme of shipment of rice to Ceylon from Brazil and Egypt broke down from time to time we came to the rescue of Ceylon at the special request of H.M.G., who undertook to replace these quantities as soon as we needed them. The bulk of these movements took place in May and August last The entire quantity has since been made good by H M G by imports

The figures shown against Arabia represent rice sent to the Trucial Coast This was red and joshi Sind rice damaged by rain, which was offered to all deficit areas in the country and refused as unacceptable to their people. Had this rice not been disposed of in the manner it was done it would have become a total loss

The quantity shown against U. K. consisted of gift parcels sent through the post not exceeding in each case 8 lbs. Steps are being taken to stop this practice even though the quantity involved is nominal

The quantities shown against Bahrein Islands and others, namely 67 tions, were permitted to go out for Indian Seamen of the Merchant Navy in Indian Ocean Ports and for Indian personnel along the air line routes

It is not the intention of Government to relax the prohibition against export of foodgrains. On the contrary, all necessary steps are being and will be taken to prevent any leakage of foodgrains or other foodstuffs from the country.

HOW INTER-SERVICES INQUIRY GOES ON

Charge Of Sion R. I. A. F. Stay-In-Strikers

BOMBAY, February 25.

One hundred and fifty men of the R. I. A. F. camp at Sion, Bombay, went on a stay-in-strike this afternoon in sympathy with the strikers of other R. I.A. F. Camps in Bombay and other parts of the country.

STRIKERS' DEMANDS

The strikers have formulated a list of grievances and urged the authorities to consider them. The demands of the strikers include the formulation of plans for employment to all service personnel after demobilisation, early release of demobilised men on the basis of age and service groups, payment of allowances and grant of leave and increase in scales of pay and inquiry into the lathi charge of the R. I. A. F. personnel on February 21 inside the Marine Drive Camp.

Met Only Officers!

The strikers stated that it was regrettable that the Inter-Services Pay Relations Committee which was recently in Bombay did not contact any member of the R. I. A. F. Camps but only met officers.

RANGOON R. I. A. F. MEN ON HUNGER-STRIKE

RANGOON, Feb. 25. (A.P.I.): It is reported that about 150 members of the ground staff of the Royal Indian Air Force stationed here are on hunger-strike since Saturday. Their demands, it is stated, include equality of treatment with the British, better living conditions and speedy demobilisation.

RATINGS AT JAMNAGAR ON SYMPATHETIC STRIKE

JAMNAGAR, Feb. 25. (A.P.I.): A sympathetic strike started this morning in H. M. I. S. "Valsura", an R. I. N. shore establishment at Jamnagar says a "communique".

Out of a total of 262 ratings only 50—mostly petty officers—abstained. Efforts to prevent the strike were unavailing. It is believed that the strike is for 24 hours only.

CITY RETURNING TO NORMAL

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tered on city's highways and streets were almost all cleared. So also were heaps of debris left over as a result of incendiarism.

Trams and buses plied wherever the roads were clear and covered a wider area than yesterday. Normal traffic is expected to be resumed tomorrow (Tuesday).

Goonda Raj Ends

To what extent anti-social elements in the city took advantage of the disturbances is seen from what some notorious "goondas" did in Thakurdwar and elsewhere. In these localities they ruled with impunity at the height of the trouble in the city and openly extorted large sums of money from merchants and people, under duress, till they were resisted by the people themselves and later rounded-up by the military and the police.

It was only after a general rounding-up of the notorious bad characters who are on the black list of the police that signs of returning peace were seen.

By now the police have rounded up all the bad characters whose dossiers they have and who number over a 1,000. Some two hundred of them were caught red-handed while pillaging.

CURFEW RELAXED:

BOMBAY, Feb. 25 (A.P.I.): The Police Commissioner, Bombay, has revised the Curfew Order so as to exclude as many of the textile mills as possible and also changed the hours of curfew.

The period of curfew now is from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.

The area affected now is that bounded by and inclusive of (1) Rampart Row, Esplanade Road (Mahatma Gandhi Road), Hornby Road, Carnac Road, First Marine Street, Queen's Road (exclusive), New Queen's Road (exclusive), Girgaum Road, over Kennedy Bridge, Nana's Chowk, Tardeo Road, Bellasis Road Bridge, Lamington Road, Arthur Road, Jacob Circle, Clerk Road, Victoria Gardens Bridge, Victoria Gardens Road, Victoria Road, Reay Road, Frere Road, Mint Road, Custom House Road and Apollo Street, and (2) Sayani Road, Elphinstone Road, thence along the B. B. and C. I. Railway as far as Mori Road, Mori Road and Cadell Road (exclusive).

Hansa Mehta On

CHILDREN SHOT DEAD AT MILK CENTRES

BOMBAY, Sunday (U.P.I.): Mrs. Hansaben Mehta, President of the All India Women's Conference criticises the indiscriminate shooting of the military.

She says: "I was sorry to learn the death of Mrs. Dhonde who succumbed to injuries of a bullet wound. She was treasurer of the Parel Mahila Sangh, a sub-branch of the All-India Women's Conference. While walking along the road a bullet struck her and her companion. Mrs. Dhonde died before she could reach hospital.

INHUMAN

"I was at K.E.M. Hospital that afternoon for about two hours and saw bodies after bodies brought in, some dead and some wounded, all victims of bullet shots. There were a few children also and I was informed that some children were shot dead at one of the milk centres where they were waiting for milk.

"Such acts only aggravate the situation. The authorities that be must curb such violence if they wish to restore the city to its normal condition."

Patil Warns Citizens Against Panicky Rumours

BOMBAY, Feb. 25: Mr. S. K. Patil General Secretary of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee writes "The Citizens of Bombay have to congratulate themselves on the speedy restoration of normal conditions in the city. The situation was almost normal today, although tension in the atmosphere had not completely disappeared. I am sure, with the withdrawal of the military pickets and the resumption of tram and bus service, the city will become perfectly normal.

One thing against which the people must guard themselves at least for some days more is panicky rumours and those who circulate them. Taking advantage of Pandit Nehru's arrival today, a strong rumour was circulated in the crowded business localities of Bhuleshwar that the Police Commissioner had imposed a curfew between 12 noon and 3 p.m. The rumour got speedy currency and was so glibly believed that in two minutes, shops in these localities began to close. The Congress had to rush up several motor trucks fitted with loudspeakers to undo the mischief started by this rumour. It is possible that during the days of tension, many such rumours would be spread by those who are the enemies of the city's peace. We have been receiving persistent reports at the Congress House of gangs of hooligans moving about private residences and extorting money from peaceful citizens by the process of intimidation and other questionable methods. People have to guard themselves against this menace also.

I am certain that the public meeting which Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel are addressing tomorrow will remove the last vestige of fear and panic and reestablish confidence in the city.

CALCUTTA BACK TO NORMAL

CALCUTTA, Feb. 25. (U.P.I.): Calcutta returned to normal since yesterday morning. The City traffic and also train service were running as usual.

500 CALCUTTA RATINGS RESUME WORK

CALCUTTA, Feb. 25. (A.P.I.): R. I. N. ratings in Calcutta, numbering over 500, resumed work this morning, after a six days' strike.

General Strike In Nagpur

NAGPUR, Feb. 25. (A.P.I.): There was a general and complete 'hartal' to-day. No vehicles of any kind were on the streets, and even the newspaper employees abstained from work resulting in their closure for the day. All local markets were closed while in many educational institutions students did not attend their classes.

This one-day strike was to demonstrate sympathy with R.I.N. men's demand for better conditions of work.

C.-IN-C. WILL HAVE NO POLITICS IN SERVICES

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are being rectified continually and as quickly as possible. As you know, I am myself touring constantly and when I see anything wrong in any one of the three services I do my best to put it right without delay.

"Enquiry into reasonable complaints is normal service procedure, and I rely upon every officer under my Command, of whatever service, to see that this is properly carried out. I claim to know what my men are thinking and it has been my practice in the past, as it will always be in the future, to ensure so far as lies within my power good treatment and due consideration for the men serving under my command. Collective acts of insubordination hinder rather than help me and my Commanders in our efforts to effect this.

"JUST NOT TRUE"

"The unfortunate and erroneous impression appears to exist that the normal life of a sailor, soldier or airman is full of burning grievances. This is just not true, but because they are normal and not sensational, we hear very little of the many things on the other side of the slate, such as the very great efforts which have been and are being made to improve the lot of the servicemen.

"There is also an astonishing assumption in some quarters that the people at the head of affairs do not really care, and are not interested in seeing to the welfare and treatment of the men. How much happier we should all be if we assumed the opposite, which is in fact the truth.

NO POLITICAL INTRIGUE COUNTENANCED

"I am aware politics have had something to do with recent regrettable happenings in the services. In my position as C-in-C, I have nothing whatever to do with politics, and I will not countenance political intrigue in the armed forces in India. To do so would be a great disservice to India both now and for the future.

"India has been well served by her armed forces. The secret of this service has been a sense of public duty based on discipline and mutual confidence between all ranks from the highest to the lowest. Discipline is not a negative quality, but a positive spirit; and any attempt to undermine this discipline will be firmly resisted, not only in the interest of the Armed Forces themselves, but also of the future of India.

"We are going through difficult and emotional times. Self-restraint and cool heads are essential in all of us."

GHAFFAR KHAN TO LEAD FRONTIER AGAIN

Will Constitute Board Of Advisers Under His Chairmanship

PESHAWAR, Feb. 24. (A.P.I.): The Frontier Congress Parliamentary Party, which met today under the chairmanship of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the Congress President, has decided to act under the guidance of Khan Abdul Ghaffar in the matter of formation of a ministry in the Province. Khan Abdul Ghaffar has been entrusted with full power in this respect.

By another resolution Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan has been requested to constitute a board of advisers under his chairmanship for which he will nominate persons of his own choice. The board will from time to time advise the ministry to carry its work according to the fundamental principles of parliamentary programme and policy of the Congress.

The Party also resolved that whenever the board felt that the ministry should no more function it would inform the Central Parliamentary Board accordingly after which the ministry would resign forthwith.

The meeting also decided to hold a conference of Congress workers on March.

On the request of the Party Maulana Azad agreed to come to Peshawar again on March 4 to offer further advise to the party.

The following office-bearers were elected:—

(Leader:) Doctor Khan Sahib; (Deputy Leader:) Qazi Attaullah Khan; (Secretary:) Mr. Mehr Chand Khanna; (Whips:) Mian Jaffar Shah and Lala Kewal Ram.

All members exvept two were present.

The two Nationalist Muslims who have been so far co-operating with the Congress Party also attended.

Maulana Azad is leaving for Delhi by air on Monday morning.

FRONTIER'S VERDICT AGAINST PAKISTAN

Pathan, By Nature Is Democratic, Says Ali Gul Khan

PESHAWAR, Feb. 25. (U.P.I.): Frontier Province has the largest Muslim majority in India. The elections were fought on the basis of Pakistan and no Pakistan. And I am glad to say that the Frontier Muslim has given his verdict in no unembiguous terms", says Khan Ali Gul Khan, President of the Frontier Provincial Congress Committee, in a statement to the Press.

"On the eve of the elections", says Khan Ali Gul Khan, "various Muslim League leaders in and outside Frontier Provinces, made serious and prophetic assertions. Boys from the Aligarh University and other Muslim Institutions were imported in the Frontier and allowed to rouse communal fury. The cry of "Islam in Danger" was raised. Various officials in direct contravention of Government servants conduct rules started taking active part in politics and indulging in anti-Congress propaganda. But the powers that be quite forget that a Pathan—and every Hindu, Sikh and Muslim who lives in the Frontier is a Pathan—is democratic by nature and anti-imperialist by conviction. He is a lover of freedom and has great affection for his leader. Badshah Khan, under his lead he has faced jails, gallows and bullets and will not hesitate to do so again when an opportunity arises"

U. S. Counter-Espionage Reorganisation

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Reorganisation of the United States counter espionage and the entire system of Foreign Intelligence involving a budget of many million dollars is now in progress.

The reorganisation has been speeded by the Canadian disclosure of leakage of secret and confidential information to members of the staff of a Foreign Mission in Ottawa.

AUSTRALIAN ENVOY TO N. E. INDIES

CANBERRA, Feb. 25 (Reuter): Dr. Herbert Evatt, Minister for External Affairs, has appointed Mr. Frank Keith, former Australian charge D'Affaires in Chungking, as Minister to the Netherlands East Indies. Dr. Evatt said that Mr. Officer was going to Siam to negotiate details of the peace between Siam and Australia and would later report to him on the present position in the Netherlands East Indies and the progress of the negotiations there.

"NO HUMILIATION" OF AWARI

BOMBAY, Feb. 25 (A.P.I.): The Secretary to the Congress Central Parliamentary Board writes:

A press message from Nagpur states: "Mr. Awari says he is fasting because of humiliation heaped not only on him but also on Mr. Poonamchand Ranka, President of the Nagpur Provincial Congress Committee. Mr. Awari was not present during selection of candidates from Nagpur and came in only after the matter was over. He was, however, heard as a matter of courtesy. The allegation of humiliation either on Mr Awari or Mr. Ranka is unfounded and both of them were treated with respect and courtesy by the Board.

"If non-selection of candidates recommended by the Province is considered humiliation, then the Central Board would have no function left.

"Fasting seems to be a contagious disease. Reports appear in the Press that the President of the Sambalpur District Congress Committee is fasting as a protest against the Board's decision."

"INDIANS WANT NEW WAY OF LIFE"

Moscow Cammentator On Recent Happenings In East

LONDON, Feb. 24. (Reuter): The Moscow radio commentator M. J. Viktorov said to-night: "whilst the world was still discussing the results of the U.N.O. session in London with one part calling for speedy elimination of the strange situations in various parts of the globe in accordance with the principles of the United Nations' charter, and with the other part trying to pretend that nothing in particular had happened—whilst all this was still going on, new events broke suddenly into this discussion and pushed talk about the U.N.O. meeting into the back-ground. But they drew the world's attentions to what is actually happening.

ELOQUENT EVENTS.

"The world press is suddenly full of news of the uprising of sailors in India and the strange situation in Egypt. Latest reports say that the uprising has been crushed. But the very fact that it took place at all is eloquent especially if you look at it in connection with the general situation in India.

OUT OF THE OLD CHANNELS.

"You do not have to be a philosopher or a profound student of colonial policy to see that the people of India do not want to return to the old way of things. They want a new way of life. But they are coming into conflict with stubborn attempts to turn everything into the old channels.

After speaking of the disturbed situation in Egypt, M. Viktorov added: "there is fighting in Indonesia. There is a strained atmosphere in Greece and there are disturbances in India, Egypt, Celebes and Jamaica. On reading the great documents drawn up during the war, the average man will say to himself: 'these historic declarations clearly define the principles which, if put into practice, would avert the present disturbances and satisfy the aspirations of nations including those who dwelt under the colonial yoke.'"

BRITISH DEMAND ON EGYPT

CAIRO, Feb. 25. (Reuter): The Egyptian Prime Minister, M. Sidky Pasha, to-day stated that Britain had demanded punishment for all those who committed crimes and reparations for all losses sustained by British institutions and personnel during the events of the last few days.

Britain had also asked for a guarantee that public order would be preserved in future.

ROOT OF TROUBLE.

In a statement to the Egyptian Senate M. Sidky Pasha said that one cause of last Thursday's violent incidents was that four British military lorries knocked down eight persons, killing one of them, while trying to force way through crowds towards Kasr-el-Nil barracks.

Subsequently shots were fired from British barracks and houses overlooking Ismailia square causing injury to many people and infuriating the crowd.

LAWYERS TO PROTEST.

Lawyers practising in national courts are striking to-morrow "in protest against Britain's attitude to Egyptian rights and in token of mourning for martyrs who died last Thursday."

COLOUR BAR IN SOUTH AFRICA

Incorporation Will Involve S.W. African Natives, Says Pravda's International Observer

LONDON, Feb. 25. (Reuter): A Moscow broadcast in English quoted Pravda's International Observer as criticising the statement made by the South African Delegation to the United Nations Assembly "suggesting incorporation into the South African Union of South-West Africa, former German colony".

"As we know", he states according to the radio report, "inside the South African Union inhabited by 8,000,000 natives and 2,000,000 Europeans, the natives is not only derived of his rights but is actually deprived of land as Europeans own 83 per cent of it. A variegated system of discriminating against the native population known as "colour bar" is in force there. It is quite obvious that incorporation of South-West Africa into the South African Union would amount to involving into the colour bar the South-West African native population as well.

"It is worth noting that South Africa's claims include not only South-West Africa. For several years the Union has been claiming for incorporation of Bechuanaland, Basutoland and Swaziland".

FRANCO ASKS PORTUGAL TO EXPEL DON JUAN

LISBON, Feb. 24 (U.P.A.): Reports circulated in Lisbon yesterday to the effect that Generalissimo Francisco Franco has hinted through the Spanish Embassy that the Portuguese Government should invite the Spanish pretender Don Juan to Leave Portugal as soon as possible.

There was no confirmation of the report, which undoubtedly stems from the breakdown in negotiations between Don Juan and Franco.

JAP ELECTIONS POSTPONED

TOKYO, Feb. 25 (Reuter): The Japanese elections have been postponed for ten days by the Cabinet to enable more strict examination to be made of qualifications of candidates, the Japanese News Agency Kyodo said today.

BRETTON WOODS COMMITTEE'S REPORT

NEW DELHI, Feb. 25 (A.P.I.): The Bretton Wood's Committee of the Central Assembly tonight signed an interim report for presentation to the House tomorrow.

It is believed that the Committee asks for assurances that discussion for a speedy settlement of the Sterling Balances be initiated, that further accumulation of these balances be avoided and that pending settlement the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India be sent to Washington as Government of India's representative to take part in the meeting of the shareholders of the International Bank to be held at the beginning of March.

The Committee, it is also believed, urges that on his return the Governor of the Reserve Bank should make a report to the Committee, which in turn will report to the House.

It is learnt that Mr. Manu Subedar will add a dissenting minute.

TRAINING CAMP FOR RURAL WORKERS

Will Be Opened At Sevagram In April

POONA, Feb. 24 (A.P.I.): A training camp for constructive workers will be opened at Sevagram from April 1 for one month. The idea is to give a refresher course in Gandhiji's constructive programme to men and women who have had already the benefit of such training, and to train new workers, especially students, in the constructive work. About a hundred earnest and enthusistic workers will be admitted.

Mr. Kanu Gandhi, Organiser, Samagra Gram Seva Mandir, to whom all correspondence in this matter is to be addressed, wishes the applicants to note that they will have to do all sorts of work from construction of huts to scavenging, and that they must accept equally of all religions as an article of faith.

Correspondence which should be in Hindustani should be addressed to the Organiser care of the Gandhi at Bardoli. Painted application forms for admission will be sent to those applying before 5th of March. Such applications must be accompanied by stamps worth two annas.

The trainees will also have to deposit Re. 1 as admission fee, Rs. 25 to 30 for boarding and lodging and railway fare for the return journey in the camp office.

Jawahar's Reply To Shia Conference Chief

EXTENSION OF SEPARATE ELECTORATES WON'T HELP COMMUNITY, SAYS MAULANA AZAD

LUCKNOW, Feb. 25 (A.P.I.): Letters have been exchanged between Congress leaders and Mr. Hoosainbhoy Laljee, President of the All-Parties Shia Conference, in regard to the political rights of the Shia community.

In his reply to Mr. Hoosainbhoy Laljee, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru says:

"I know well that the Shia community has in the past suffered in political representation and otherwise under the system at present prevailing in India. Separate electorates, which have done so much injury to India as a whole, and I believe to the Muslims also, have particularly hit the Shias. Normally the Shias have few chances of getting elected by Muslim separate electorates. The argument that can be advanced for separate electorates for Mussalmans as a whole can equally be advanced for the Shias as a minority group among the Muslims of India. But it is clear that this kind of infinite division of the electorate into separate compartments is likely to do grave injury not only to the cause of India as a whole but more especially to the minority communities which are supposed to be protected. The only way out is to have common electorates for all. This matter naturally can only be settled by the goodwill of the parties concerned.

Every community, and indeed every individual, has the right to protection and opportunities for self-development. A free India must guarantee these human rights to every body. We are apt to look at the problem in the context of today with the third party, that is the British Government, controlling our destinies and a political and economic system which really ignores the interests of the vast majority of our people to whatever religion they might belong. We think in terms of future jobs or a future place in the Legislature. That is important enough but it is only a small part of the problem of providing not for a few but for all in India. Free India will necessarily think in different terms. In providing protection and opportunities of growth to individuals and groups, it has to be borne in mind that no system based on unfair representation can be stable or just."

DIFFERENT SYSTEM NEEDED

Pandit Nehru adds: "What the future constitution of India will be is more than I can say. Ultimately the people of India will decide as they choose. Whatever that decision may be, it should ensure the sense of freedom and growth to all groups and communities. I have an idea that system will be very different from our present system. In such a system the legitimate claims of the Shias, as of others, should be borne in mind.

"But you will realise that the extension of the principle of separate electorates does not really protect but isolates the community concerned from others. Thus instead of each thinking of the good of the other we have each thinking, and working in separate compartments and forgetting the whole. Obviously also we cannot think in terms of the majority overriding the minority's wishes. Provisions have to be made to prevent this, all these questions and others will have to be carefully considered in the new context and I trust that the solution we find in co-operation with others will go a long way to remove the grievances of the Shia community, as of others."

AZAD'S REPLY.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad in his reply says: "The very principle of communal representation is an undesirable constitutional development in itself. To extend this principle further to different sections of a religious community would make the political situation which is already difficult even more difficult. But I assure you that I am not unaware of the feelings of the Shia community under the existing circumstances and they have all my sympathy. Further I have no hesitation in stating that the Congress will sympathetically consider the difficulties to which you have given expression and will try to find ways and means of remedying your legitimate grievances."

95 Passengers Drowned In Elbe Estuary

LONDON, Feb. 24. (Reuter): Ninety-five out of 110 passengers were drowned to-day when a river steamer belonging to the Hamburg America line sank to-day in the Elbe estuary opposite Brunsbuettel, the British News Service in Germany announced to-night.

The vessel is believed to have sprung a leak and sank very quickly.

"Let Us Begin New Era Of Communal Harmony"

Syed's Plea At Conference Of Sind Congress Workers And Nationalist Muslims

KARACHI, Feb. 25. (A.P.I.): Mr. G. M. Syed, Leader of the Sind Assembly Coalition Party opening the Conference of 300 Congress workers and Nationalist Muslims held at his village San in Dadu District, said: "Let us begin a new era of communal harmony. We fought the election because the Central Muslim League nominated persons under whom Sind had been groaning for the past eight years, oppressed with corruption, bribery and police zulum. The alternative before us was either to yield to the pressure of the League High Command and reinstal old people in power and permit again the rule of corrupt people or to join those groups like the Congress and the Nationalist Muslims who have been anxious to ameliorate the condition of the masses. We decided to join the latter groups despite the risk of incurring the displeasure of the League and being misunderstood amongst Muslims."

Mr. Syed said that Sind would enter upon a new career of Communal unity and he regretted very much the period of the last seven years when bitter communal hatred was preached. He added: "One learns by experience and profits by committing mistakes. He who does not acknowledge his mistakes is not honest."

TURN A NEW LEAF.

Sheikh Abdul Majid who presided over the conference hoped that Sind would turn a new leaf in its history and give a lead to the rest of the country.

Dr. Choitram Gidwani, President of the Sind Provincial Congress Committee, also addressed the conference.

THEIR PROGRAMME

A programme for all round development of Sind was adopted at the conference. The programme includes nationalisation of all means of transport, electricity, basic and other industries, mechanisation of agriculture and starting State collective farms and obtaining tenancy rights to peasants in the Province.

The conference also considered the food situation and cloth distribution and urged Government to expand irrigation and take measures to conserve food stocks in Sind. It was recommended to the Government to restrict making of pastries, cakes and other luxuries and propagate for stopping waste of food by banning parties and at homes.

As regards cloth, the conference among other measures, urged the Government to increase production of handloom cloth on the Province.

The conference passed a resolution recommending to the Government to cancel warrants of arrest, externment orders and withdraw prosecutions against the all local political leaders.

Viewing with alarm the present lawlessness, the conference urged the Government to adopt stern measures so as to promote a sense of security in villages.

WILL ARABS BOYCOTT INQUIRY COMMISSION?

Higher Committee To Decide On Wednesday

JERUSALEM, Feb. 25 (Reuter): A six hours' stormy session of the Palestine Arab Higher Committee tonight announced that the final decision whether the committee will co-operate with the Anglo-American Commission of Inquiry will be made on Wednesday.

The Leader of the Palestine Arab Party, M. Jamal Husseini on whose advice the Higher Committee had decided to co-operate with the Commission, arrived here from Cairo specially for today's extraordinary meeting and presented Arab League views.

M. Husseini, it is understood, still favours presentation of the Arab case before the Commission, but a widespread campaign for boycott of the Commission by political parties not represented in the Higher Committee has forced a review of the question. The campaign is supported by several members of the Higher Committee.

MALAYA R.A.F. MAN IN COURT MARTIAL

SINGAPORE, Feb. 25. (Reuter): Air-craftsman Morris Harold Cymbalist, a Radar Operator attached to Base Headquarters in Singapore, was charged before a Court Martial here to-day on two counts—incitement to mutiny at the Kallang Royal Air Force Station near Singapore and using insubordinate language to a superior officer.

On the first charge Cymbalist was alleged to have endeavoured on January 27 to persuade about 300 men to join in mutiny and go on strike until six airmen arrested "by lawful Air Force authority" had been released, to secure their release by force and to support the strike of Royal Air Force men at Seletar (another air base on Singapore island).

On the second charge he was alleged to have said to Squadron-Leader A. C. Gallacher, Royal Air Force Station, Kallang: "These gentlemen these honourable gentlemen", referring to both Squadron Leader Gallacher and other officers present.

After the charges were read, the Court adjourned until to-morrow.

Reuter adds: Last January about 4,000 airmen at the Royal Air force base at Seletar staged a three day sit-down strike which spread to the nearby base of Kallang.

Food Crisis More Grave In Villages

Ranga Supports Gandhiji's Scheme Of National Campaign For Relief

NEW DELHI, Feb. 24 (U.P.I.)—"We are meeting at a critical hour. The country is faced with a terrible food crisis. It may engulf if it coils hundreds of millions of our people. The Government that so miserably failed to tackle the 1943 famine in Bengal and Orissa, that as many as 7 millions souls, most of whom were rural people, had to die, is not expected to tackle a nation-wide famine." This observed Prof. N. G. Ranga, M.L.A., (Central), in course of his presidential address at the second annual meeting of the Federation of Rural People's Organisation held this afternoon. Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose, Leader of the Opposition in the Central Assembly, inaugurated the function.

Continuing Prof. Ranga declared that the situation was much more grave in villages. He remarked that while every effort was made to assure rationed food supplies to 54 millions of urban peoples, no thought had been given to assure similar food rations to rural masses.

Referring to the Congress attitude to the co-operation with the Government for tackling the situation, Prof. Ranga declared: "We are quite prepared to lend all our assistance to any National Campaign that may be inaugurated on the lines suggested by Mahatma Gandhi in a recent statement. Such a National Campaign will have to be inaugurated and carried on as all party or non-party basis and the Government has to place all its resources at its disposal."

Prof. Ranga concluded: "We shall not allow even one individual to die of starvation. If we are to die, let us die shouting and clamouring not only for food but also for all the social and political power for want of which India is today faced with this food famine."

Merit System For U.N.O. Appointments?

NEW YORK, Feb. 25 (Reuter): The National Civil Service League of the United States has called on America to take the lead in supporting an international merit system for the appointment of U.N.O. permanent staff.

The League's recommendation said, "this will assure impartiality of their selection, independence of international pressure, competence for performance of their responsibilities and continuity of policies of administration."

No Relaxation Of Cloth Control

SUBSIDY PLAN FOR HOUSING INDUSTRIAL WORKERS IN PROVINCES

NEW DELHI, Feb. 25 (A.P.I.): The Government of India are convening a meeting of representatives of the building trade in the first week of March. The meeting, which will be held in Delhi, will discuss the factors that are still impeding the progress of private building in this country.

The Labour Member, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, stated this in the Central Assembly in written replies to Mr. Manu Subedar.

The Government of India, said Dr. Ambedkar, had recently taken some steps of a general nature to encourage private building all over India, not only particularly in Bombay and Calcutta. They had withdrawn the instructions which they had issued to Provincial Governments regarding the exercise of control over building construction.

ENCOURAGING CONSTRUCTION

The Government of India believed that the relaxations would make it easier for builders to put up structures in future.

The Government of India had addressed provinces in regard to a short-term scheme for the encouragement of the construction of housing for industrial labour and those other workers in urban areas who were unable to pay an economic rent. The scheme involved a subsidy from the Centre provided provinces made an equivalent subsidy, and would be referred to by the Finance Member in his Budget speech.

NO EXTENSION OF D.I.R. RULES

Sir Asoka Roy, Law Member, said that there had been no notification extending the operation of the Defence of India Rules. In the absence of express cancellation in the meantime, they would remain in force until six months after the termination of the war.

Question: Is it a fact that from many quarters complaints have been made in representations to Government as well as in the Press about the oppressive nature of many of these rules?

Sir Asoka Roy: There has been a considerable volume of mainly uncritical attack on the rules at large, but comparatively few of the rules have formed the subject of specific complaint.

FOOD PARCELS TO U. K.

Mr. B. R. Sen, Food Secretary, said that the whole question of despatch of food parcels from India to the U. K. and other countries was being re-examined in the light of the recent deterioration of the food situation.

Question: Has the Food Secretary got any estimate of the number of parcels which are sent out from India by Army personnel and civilians?

Answer: No.

Mr. Sen said it was likely that the number of such parcels went up during the war years. Export of butter by civilians in such parcels was already prohibited.

The returns received from the export trade controllers showed that from July to December 1945, ships calling at Indian ports took on board about 650 poultry, 190 tons of food grains, 14 tons of ghee and butter, one cwt. of sugar per month on an average.

CONSUMER GOODS IMPORTED

The Commerce Member, said in reply to Mr. Vadilal Lallubhai that during the period April to November 1945, British India imported rupees eighty-two crores seventy-six lakhs worth of consumer goods, twelve crores ninety-eight lakhs worth of capital goods (machinery of all kinds) and sixty-six crores forty-eight lakhs worth of raw materials and semi-manufactured articles.

Even taking into account motor spirit and kerosene under consumer goods, the trend of imports trade was more or less equally divided between consumer goods and other classes of goods, including capital goods.

The Commerce Member said in reply to Prof. N. G. Ranga that Government proposed to continue for a further period of one year from March 31, 1946 the existing level of protection to the Indian sugar industry, pending a detailed investigation by a Tariff Board under more normal conditions.

WOMEN IN COAL MINES

THE LABOUR MEMBER SAID THAT GOVERNMENT HAD NO INTENTION OF ENTIRELY PROHIBITING THE EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN IN COAL MINES. THEIR EMPLOYMENT UNDERGROUND HAD, HOWEVER, BEEN PROHIBITED FROM FEB. 1, 1946.

PREMATURE TO RELAX CLOTH CONTROL

Replying to Mr. Vadilal Lallubhai, the Supply Member said that most of the industrial controls would be withdrawn within seven or eight months. It would be necessary to retain a few for a longer period, but it was not possible at present to say how long.

Answering Mr. Mohan Lal Saksena the Supply Member said that there was pressure by some merchants and other vested interests for the abolition of the Cloth Control Order. But, it was clear to Government from the mass of innumerable correspondence received, that the consuming public as a whole did not wish to have the Control Order abolished in the present circumstances of cloth shortage. The Textile Control Board had not so far recommended the abolition of the control and the Provinces and States were unanimous that it would be premature to relax it at present.

R. B. N. SHIVRAJ TAKES OATH

NEW DELHI, Feb. 25 (A.P.I.): Rao Bahadur N. Shivaraj, Mayor of Madras, arrived here today and took the oath in the Assembly amidst cheers from Congress benches.

ASSAM ASSEMBLY MEETING

SHILLONG, Feb. 25 (A.P.I.): The Assam Legislative Assembly meets on March 12.

RAILWAY POLICY UNDER FIRE

Demand For Better Amenities For Passengers And Wage Increase

NEW DELHI, Feb. 25. (A.P.I.): The financial aspect of better amenities for railway passengers and increased pay to lower-paid staff was discussed in the Assembly to-day during the debate on a Congress Party cut motion which was passed without a division.

Prof. Ranga who moved it was supported by Mr. D. V. Karmarkar, Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar, Lieut.-Col. Chatterjee and Mr. Nauman.

Prof. Ranga suggested that by Indianisation of the whole staff; by manufacture of locomotives and wagons within the country and by a system of tri-partite management of railways—jointly by workers, by the technical staff and by the community at large—economy could be effected and thereby better amenities to passengers and better pay to staff would become possible.

Prof. Ranga wanted examination of the present basis of contribution to the depreciation fund and urged the creation of an amortisation fund

NO IMMEDIATE COMMITMENTS

Sir Edward Benthall replying suggested these were not matters on which the present Government could make immediate commitments. Some of the questions were for deep consideration and decision by the new Government: others were for examination by a committee or committees to be constituted for the purpose

Increase of railway staff pay, for instance, could not be considered in isolation but in relation to the pay of Government employees in general and in relation to the general standard of the country. The commission which, as already announced, was to be appointed would consider this question. He reiterated that improvement of amenities and wages, higher rates and fares, revision of the convention and the basis of the depreciation fund, were all linked together.

The War Transport Member disagreed with Col. Chatterjee's view that the railways administrations were over-officered.

LOCOMOTIVES & WAGONS

The question of manufacture of locomotives and wagons was discussed on another Congress Party cut motion, which was passed without a division Mr. Thakurdas Bhargava, who moved it, was supported by Mr. Mohd. Nauman (Muslim League) Mr. P. K. Salve and Sir Mohd. Yamin Khan.

Mr. Bhargava said that as far back as 1923, the Government of India had accepted the principle of manufacturing locomotives in India but today the Railway Member stated that "work was in progress."

Replying, Mr. A. C. Turner, Financial Commissioner of Railways, said that the mover and subsequent speakers had displayed an "extraordinary out-of-dateness." Government were determined to get the locomotives out of the works as soon as possible.

As for the manufacture of wagons, last year 7636 of them were made in this country. The House, therefore, could have no possible complaint that the wagon industry had not been developed to meet the requirements of the country.

Sir Edward Benthall, War Transport Member, said, "it has been suggested by speakers that this Government is not serious in its determination to go ahead with locomotive manufacture. I feel rather strongly about that because it was I who urged upon Government the desirability of taking a final decision during my tenure of office."

LET THIRD CLASS PASSENGERS UNITE

Unless all third class passengers joined in a union and gave notice of a strike, their conditions of travel would never improve, said Mr. Mukut Beharilal Bhargava (Congress) moving a cut motion to discuss inconvenience to Third Class passengers, whom he described as "the patrons and paymasters of the railways."

Mr. Ahmed Jaffar (Muslim League) and B. S. Hiray supported the motion.

Mr. Z. H. Khan, Director of Establishment, Railway Board, and Sir Edward Benthall replied. The war Transport Member said that soon after V. J. Day altogether 665 trains were put on with increased daily train mileage of over 39,000. Between VJ Day and Jan. 1, something like 102 broadgauge coaches had come back from the Military out of about 1,366 given to them. Explaining why the remaining number were not coming back quickly, Sir Edward said they were used to transport troops who were coming in at the rate of 40,000 a month from overseas.

But he expected that from April onwards the military demand would decrease until it faded away.

The motion was passed without a division.

WANT OF POLICY

The House talked out a cut moved by Mr. A. Karunakara Menon (Congress) to discuss "the impropriety of opening new lines before old ones are restored and want of policy in new construction."

Sir E. Benthall said he could not agree that there was "want of policy" in new construction. "Perhaps", said Sir Edward, "for the first time in the history of railways we have adopted a policy, which is to co-ordinate the road and rail plans in consultation with Provincial Governments."

Generally speaking, under the Government's plan, no big village would be farther than 30 miles from a railway line.

The House adjourned till tomorrow.

Demand For Separate Andhra In Council Of State

NEW DELHI, Feb. 25 (A.P.I.): The creation of a separate Andhra Province is recommended in a resolution in the name of Mr. Thirumala Rao (Congress) which is on the agenda of the Council of State for Wednesday, February 27. The resolution recommends to the Governor-General to request His Majesty's Government to effect the separation by an Order-in-Council.

On the same day Mr. Thirumal Rao intends to move an adjournment motion to discuss the use of Indian troops in Indonesia. The Governor-General has given sanction to this motion.

Siamese Royal Exiles Return

BATAVIA, Feb. 25. (Reuter): Five Siamese Royal exiles with 14 attendants left Bandoeng by air for Siam to-day.

The exiles are 22-year-old Prince Sukhuma and Princesses Siri Ratna, Chandrakant Svasti, Indu Ratna, and Senbandhu Paridatra who have been exiled from Siam since before the war and have returned at the request of the King of Siam.

The Royal party is expected to spend to-night at the Government House, Singapore.

"MUTINY" NOT CONDUCIVE TO PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT!

British Reactionaries At It Again: Queering The Pitch For Cabinet Mission

LONDON, Feb. 25. (U.P.I.): As the first flush of excitement caused by last week's decision of the British Cabinet to depute three of its Ministers to India for constitutional settlement is going down, political circles in London have begun to evaluate the pros and cons of the situation in India and discuss the possibilities of success or otherwise of the impending cabinet mission.

There appears the significant tendency here to connect recent disturbances in Bombay, Karachi and other places.—Front-paged for the first time in recent history of the British Press—with the work of the British Mission and to express a feeling of pessimism in regard to an Indo-British settlement. It is said that the task of the transfer of power to Indian hands would have been difficult even in times of peace and it is infinitely more complicated in to-day's conditions of famine, and general unrest. "Mutiny does not provide an atmosphere when a peaceful settlement is possible", is the general trend of opinion in the British political circles and the Press.

Meanwhile, dispatches from India on the Mission's work, significantly lay greater stress on the Muslim League's demand of two Constituent Assemblies, which only, they suggest, would facilitate successful negotiations.

A special dispatch from "Observer's" New Delhi Correspondent says: "Unless the Congress is ready to concede Pakistan it would be sheer wishful thinking to imagine that the Cabinet Mission will succeed, where Lord Wavell failed last July".

Another despatch to "Sunday Times", however, assumes the possibility of by-passing the Muslim League, if the latter ultimately proves, as in the Simla Conference, implacable.

It says: "It is assumed that if compromise in the main communities is proved impossible the Viceroy and the British Ministers may have no alternative but to go ahead in constructing a responsible Central Government on the basis of a new Executive Council, recruited from the single party—namely, the Congress. The temptation to do so may be all the greater in that the current provincial elections must be somewhat disappointing to Mr. Jinnah, although the League's failure in some constituencies will not weaken his over-all claim that Muslim India generally wants Pakistan.

The "Times" despatch further says: "In any circumstances the Congress clearly has a great deal to gain out of the coming negotiations, and while it is too early to forecast how conversations will proceed, it may well turn out easier to persuade the Congress to concede Pakistan than to get the Muslims to give it up".

JAP ELECTIONS ON MARCH 31

TOKYO, Feb. 25 (Reuter): General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander in Japan had authorised the Japanese Government to hold General elections any time after March 15.

The polling day was fixed for March 31.

The elections are to be held under the new laws guaranteeing suffrage to women and young men, it has been reported. The Allied military authorities are taking every precaution to ensure free vote.

NO ORDER AGAINST FRATERNIZATION

Lt.-Gen. John Northcott, Commander of the British Commonwealth occupation forces in Japan, at the first Press Conference today revealed that no flat order would be issued against fraternization, cables Jacksmyth Reuter's special correspondent.

British policy, he said, was "be polite."

"I rely on gentlemanly behaviour of my troops", he said.

Gen. Northcott declared that there was a possibility that the area under British occupation would be extended before long—possibly northwards to include cities of Osaka and Kobe.

THIRD I.N.A. COURT MARTIAL

NEW DELHI, Feb. 26. (A.P.I.): The Third INA Court Martial today asked for the records of Subedar Shingara Singh and Jemadar Fateh Khan, thus indicating that they have been found guilty.

Subedar Shingara Singh and Jemadar Fateh Khan were charged with "murder, causing grievous hurt and waging war against the king".

DEATH

SARODE—Baburao Khandoji Rao, son of S. Khandoji Rao, Tailors, Matunga, (G.I.P.) at 4 p.m. on 23rd February 1946 at K.E.M. Hospital due to bullet wounds. Inserted by sorrowing father and brothers.

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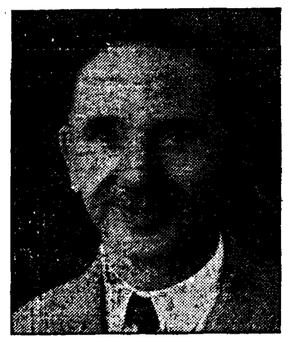

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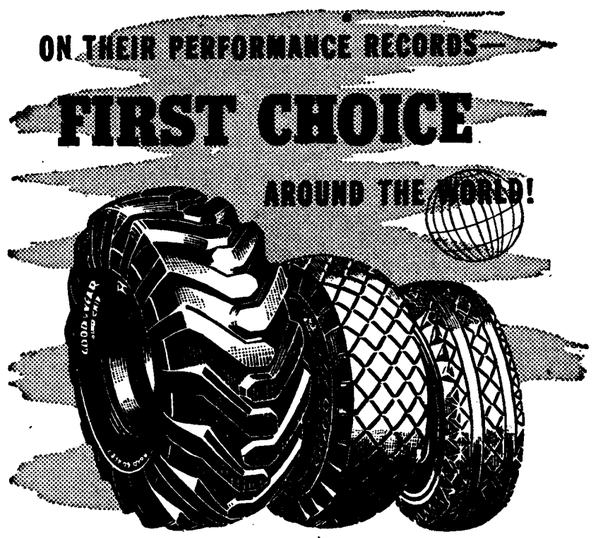

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RACING UNDER IDEAL CONDITIONS

Removal Of Restrictions On Trading In Bullion

HEAVY SELLING IN GOLD AND SILVER

Sharp Rise In Cotton Prices On Active Buying And Covering

Bombay, Feb. 25.

As the period of the Central Budget is drawing near the bullion market is influenced by rumours.

It was feared that the Government will allow monthly deliveries for forward transactions both in gold and silver.

This fear influenced heavy selling pressure in the market and quotation recorded sharp decline.

It is generally believed that weekly deliveries provide ample scope for Bull manipulation as supplies are limited. It is true that the Government will do something in the matter to fight the inflationary effects.

Forward silver opened to-day at Rs. 143 and declined to Rs. 140/12 on heavy unloading while gold was easy at Rs. 85/12.

Later on it was reported that the Government had removed the restriction on forward trading. This news was published first this morning in some upcountry paper.

The Government notification is as under:—

By a notification in a Gazette extraordinary the Government of India have deleted the provisions relating to forward contracts. In view of changed conditions, it is no longer considered necessary to restrict by law the period delivery for forward dealings in Bullion.

Thus silver declined about Rs. 6 per 100 tolas to Rs. 140 and steadied at Rs. 141 while gold after declining to Rs. 84/8 improved to Rs. 86/4.

The market remained steady and Forward Gold was quoted at Rs 86 while Ready Gold stood at Rs. 86/12.

Forward and Ready Silver stood at Rs 141/d.

The market finally closed as under:

	Rs. as. p.
Ready Silver	141 10 0
Forward Silver	141 10 0
Ready Gold	86 0 0
Forward Gold	85 10 0
Sovereigns	62 0 0

BOMBAY COTTON

The local Cotton Market was expected to open to-day at Rs. 469/8 for March delivery but the market opened quiet at Rs. 463 and improved to Rs 469 while May was quoted at Rs. 466/8.

The market was steady on short covering as the supply of staple cotton is limited. The statistical position remains healthy and recent rains in some parts of Gujarat are likely to damage the quality of the new crop.

There was steady buying and March advanced to Rs. 464 while May was quoted at Rs. 471.

March delivery advanced to Rs. 465 but later on there appeared some realising and March steadied at Rs. 463/8 and May stood at Rs. 470/8.

At the decline there was renewed buying and March advanced to Rs. 465/8. The market finally closed at 3.30 p.m. as under:—

I.C.C. March	465	12	0
I.C.C. May	472	8	0
I.C.C. July	482	0	0
I.C.C. Sept.	487	8	0

COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton March Contract is 882 cent points below New York March at Exchange rate 331.

NO BUSINESS ON STOCK EXCHANGE

The Bombay Stock Exchange was officially open to-day but members did not do any business and the market was virtually closed.

The sharp decline in the Bullion Market created bearish feeling in the Share Bazar and privately Tata Steel Ords were quoted at Rs 2782 while 3.1/2 per cent Paper was quoted at Rs. 102/15.

HAPUR MARKETS REVIEW

HAPUR Feb. 22.

FOOD GRAINS: There is further deterioration in the food grains position here as a result of which prices are soaring higher day by day. As already reported last week there is very little stock of food grains. There were no arrivals during the week but for 110 mds. of bajra. On the other hand about 25,000 mds. of wheat were carried away out of the Central Governments reserve stock which is now reduced at 26,800 mds. The need for immediate imports to feed the town and neighbouring villages is almost imperative. The following are the approximate current rates: Wheat 16, Gram 16, Bajra 12/5, Peas 12, Juwar 12 and Maize 13. The control rate of Wheat continues to be 10/4 which is both meaningless and absurd. Weather remained dry throughout and rain is desperately needed.

PULSES:—Market remained quiet to steady and there was no change in the quotations which are as follows: Arhar 9/8, Urad 15, Moong 11/14. Arhar stock is put at 10 Khattis.

GUR: Markets remained steady. Arrivals during the week totalled 10,000 mds. and despatches during the same period were 1,300 mds. The current rates are: Gur 10/8 and Jaggery Powder 11/10. The Government ceiling rate is 9/6 and while the market rate is 10/8, Government agents continue to supply Gur to Government at 9/6. The loss so incurred is met by a levy of annas four per maund charged on all market purchases made by the private traders.

BULLION: Market remained steady throughout. There was a nervous reaction in between the opening and closing stages but it proved to be abortive. Silver which was quoted at Rs. 148 last week and improved to Rs. 148/6 at one stage during the week. It is now quoted at Rs. 144/10 but had touched as low as Rs. 141/6. Movements in Gold were less erratic and generally corresponded with Silver. Gold is now quoted at Rs. 89/8 having touched 91/8 earlier during the week. The week-end badla for Silver opened at -/4/- but improved to -/15/ towards the close. The bears now appear to be somewhat hesitant and seem inclined to wait.

GUWAR FUTURES: Market remained quite. There was an outburst of bullish activity towards the mid-session but conditions again eased off and most of the gain in prices was soon liquidated. Baishak touched as 9/3/9 but is presently quoted at 8/0/9 as compared with 7/15/6 last week end. Weather remained cloudy and early expectations of showers have encouraged bears recovery. Brady is quoted at 8/7 but there is very poor demand.

BARDANA FUTURES: Market showed signs of improvement and there was better off take. Ready is quoted at 56 to 61 but Chet has improved to 55/12 Abd Asuj to 54/12.

MEMORANDUM: Cheques delivered through the Bombay Bankers' Clearing House during the week ending 22-2-1946 were as under:—

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EGYPTIAN PREMIER WARNS PEOPLE

Pleads For Help Of Students And Nationalist Press To Restore Order

CAIRO, Feb. 25. (Reuter): The Egyptian Government has taken a firm attitude over the students' call for a general strike to-day to observe a "national day of mourning" for victims of Thursday's disturbances.

Late last night, Premier Sidky Pasha broadcast a warning that "demonstrations whatever their nature will not be tolerated, and groups of more than eight people will be dispersed".

PLEA TO NATIONALIST PRESS.

The Premier also appealed to the Nationalist press to exercise restraint, "in view of the critical position of the country at this stage when calm and restraint are necessary".

He urged the Egyptians to carry on business as usual to-day and disregard appeals to strike.

The Egyptian Council of Ministers which met for three hours last night drafted the Government's reply to a written British note of protest over last Thursday's incidents.

The Prime Minister denied foreign newspaper reports alleging that the Egyptian Government had accepted verbal representations made by the British Minister, Mr. R. J. Bowker.

Premier Pasha yesterday received delegations of students of Al Azhar and Fuad Awal Universities and discussed the situation with them.

STUDENTS SHOULD HELP.

He asked them to help him to maintain order by abstaining from any action which might harm the national cause and, Reuter understands the students pledged their support, "until the situation clarifies".

The Director of Public Security Department has appealed to the transport to run and shops to open as usual to-day. The Egyptian police and army have been instructed to maintain strict order.

8 MORE MINERS RESCUED FROM GRIMBERG MINE TRAGEDY

LONDON, Feb. 24. (Reuter): Eight more miners were brought out alive to-day from the fire-swept Monopol Grimberg Mine near Dortmund where 400 men including 3 British officials were yesterday reported to be still trapped deep below the ground, the British News Service in Germany reports.

The men have been trapped since Wednesday when a fire broke out in the mine following an explosion.

ITAGAKI SURRENDERS

SINGAPORE, Feb. 25 (Reuter): Lt.-Gen. Seishiro Itagaki, Japanese Commander at Singapore, who threatened to make a "death stand" after the Japanese Emperor's unconditional surrender last August has formally surrendered to Maj.-Gen. Frank Messerby, General Officer Commanding the Malaya Command, the Netherlands News Agency reported today.

Gen. Itagaki was Commander of the Japanese Seventh Area Army which covered Malaya, the Netherlands, East Indies, the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and parts of Siam and Borneo, the Agency added.

Bombay Produce

BOMBAY, Feb. 25.

The market was fairly steady with a moderate business. Groundnuts Khandesh quality G. I. P. Rly. Rs. 22. Later Bold Rs. 21/4. Nizam Khandesh quality Rs. 21/8 and Bold Rs. 20/8. Madras Goa delivery Rs. 19/12. Groundnut Oil Mill delivery Rs. 13/4. Wagon condition Tank Rs. 12/14. April delivery Rs. 12/11 and May Rs. 12/11/6. Castorseeds ready Rs 19/12 Bombay. Navlakhi and Goa March-May Rs. 18/14. Linseed ready Rs 22/2. February March and March-May Rs. 22/2.

Indan Stock Exchange

BOMBAY, Feb. 25.

Tata Ordinary 4/9, Tata Deferred 2785, Indian Iron 54, Steel Corpn. of Bengal 46 Bombay Dyeing 2177/8, Central India 440, Century 960, Gokak 330, Kohinoor 666, Simplex 330, Andhra Valley 1860, Tata Hydro 218/2, Tata Power 1970, Associated Cement 235, Belapur 246/4, Bombay Burma (Old) 615.

London Money Market

LONDON, Feb. 23.

Conditions in money market during the past week have been quiet and fairly comfortable despite some calling in by one of the big banks in connection with payments of treasury deposit receipts which made money distinctly usable. At the end of the week recourse to special buyer appeared certain but conditions improved with accommodation from normal sources. In the discount market there was only a small demand for April-May maturities. Yesterday's tender for Treasury bills included an unusual large number of currencies. Applications for £130,000,000 totalled £221,000,000 the market receiving about 36 per cent of its applications. The average rate was ten shillings one decimal five five pence per cent. Next week £130,000,000 will again be offered and the banks asked for provide £90,000,000 against treasury deposit receipts, the whole actual maturities being about 91-1/2 millions.

Let Indians Shape Their Own Destinies

"NEWS CHRONICLE" DECLARES BRITAIN IN INDIA HAS MANY ANCIENT WRONGS TO EXPIATE

LONDON, February 25. (Reuter): A political upheaval in India now would lead to a toll in human suffering surpassing the worst catastrophes of the war itself, the Labour newspaper "Daily Herald" said to-day in its first full editorial on India since the Royal Indian Navy mutinies. If the words "too late" are to be written as judgment on Government's efforts to solve the crisis "every responsible person must shudder at the thought", the newspaper said

"We can only hope", the editorial ran, "that the firm attitude displayed by the Government of India together with the brave words spoken by Mr. Gandhi will have their effect in checking the disaster which baffles imagination. If in the midst of this crisis, authority should pass from recognised leaders to incalculable passions aroused in the streets by riot and counter action, no one could prophesy the outcome.

"A chance had appeared at the eleventh hour that grounds could be laid for a peaceful, constructive solution of India's crisis. Are the words 'Too Late' to be written as judgment on these endeavours? Every responsible person must shudder at the thought. For, if a political upheaval were not to be piled on all other distresses, which confront the Indian people, toll in human suffering would surpass the worst catastrophes of war itself.

Britain in India has many ancient wrongs to expiate.

They leave their legacy today. But today also, it is the sincere wish of the British Government and the British people that the Indian people shall be free to control their own destinies. If that fact can be known the final tragedy can still be avoided."

CONSERVATIVE DAILY BLAMES JAWAHAR

The Conservative "Daily Telegraph" today blamed the speeches made by Pandit Nehru and the atttitude of Congress newspapers for having helped to create the situation in Bombay and other cities. "It is all very well," the newspaper said, "for Pandit Nehru now to pronounce himself 'greatly worried' by the Bombay situation. The speeches he has made and the irresponsibility of Congress newspapers have helped to create the situation and it is British troops, whose presence in India he resents, rather than Congress loudspeakers appealing for order, which have been required to deal with it.

There are many, particularly in pulsating Indian cities, whom any cry will serve to send looting and destroying through the streets. Precisely for this reason, encouragement of public disorder in India is particularly dangerous and reprehensible. The only purpose it serves is of those, who wish to create anarchy and to discredit all authority whether of Government or of the Congress or of the Muslim League. If at last, as we all hope a just and enduring settlement is to be reached in India it cannot be reached by violence.

TIP TO CONGRESS LEADERS

Congress leaders, to judge by their latest utterances, are in a more amenable frame of mind than they were. It is permissible to hope that with the shocking example of what has been happening in Bombay, freshly before them all, Indian political leaders will approach the problems which now confront them with due sense of their urgency and gravity."

Days Of British Rule In India Numbered, Says Brockway

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—Events of the past few days show that the days of the British rule in India are numbered, declared Mr. Fenner Brockway, Political Secretary of the Independent Labour Party (a Socialist group not connected with the Labour Party now in power) tonight.

Addressing a Conference of the British centre against imperialism Mr. Brockway said that when the organised forces in India defied orders, the British Raj must realise that in addition to the civilian population the very armed forces on which it had relied in the past were no longer reliable.

Mr. Brockway added: "Even those of us who are not in the Labour Party feel a general sense of solidarity with the working class movement so as not to wish to denounce the Government of Labour which it has returned. But just as during the Boer War there were Englishmen who declared their feelings of sympathy and solidarity with the Boers, so it is our duty as Englishmen, as anti-imperialists as Socialists, to say that our sense of solidarity is now with the Indian people.

"I believe that we are voicing the sentiments of British troops themselves when we say they do not want to be used in the interests of imperialism against the Indian people."

Mr. Brockway added: The Conference adopted a resolution pledging support for subject peoples "in their risings against their oppressors everywhere" and declaring that the only way to satisfy their demands was immediate pronouncement of independence accompanied, in the case of India, by drastic measures "to end forthwith the intolerable conditions that have provoked disturbances in Bombay and elsewhere."

Mr. Brockway stated that the Federation of the Indian Association in Great Britain and the Pan-African Federation had agreed to co-operate with the British centre against imperialism but refused to seek affiliation.

GREAT LIVING SOCIALIST

Mr. Brockway paid tribute to Jai Prakash Narain whom he described as a "great living socialist in the world today" and compared him to Lenin.

Mr. Surat Alley of the Federation of the Indian Association in Great Britain said: "Indians may not be identified today as Socialists or Communists but only as nationalists because our main struggle is to see that the British Quit India."

Doctor K. D. Kumria, Secretary of Swaraj House, London, said that the Indian National Congress was not a reactionary ultra-nationalistic body but the greatest anti-imperialist organisation in the world today.

It was agreed at the Conference to organise a demonstration for lobbying members of parliament to demand Indian independence and condemn the shooting in Bombay and Karachi.

7-POINT ATTACK ON KUOMINTANG FORCES

Communists In Manchuria Direct Assault To Capture Sin-Min

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—New York Radio quoted a Chinese Central News Agency report from Peiping stating that Communist forces in Manchuria had opened a seven-point attack against Kuomintang (Chinese National Party) troops aimed at cutting the Kuomintang Railway communication with Mukden, the Manchurian capital.

The Radio added that, according to a Chungking report, the main Communist assault was directed at capturing the town of Sin Min, 35 miles north-west of Mukden and one of the principal railway junctions on the line running south-west to the ports of Hulutao and Chinwangtao.

The attack on Sin Min was beaten off but six other Manchurian towns in Mukden area are under assault, it was added.

Reuter adds there is no confirmation of this report from other sources.

GOVT.-COMMUNIST ARMIES FUSION

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—New York Radio quoting a Chungking announcement stated tonight that an agreement for the fusion of the Chinese Government and the Communist armies into one national army will be signed tomorrow.

General Chang Chih Chung, Head of the Political Affairs Department of the National Military Council, will sign for the Chinese Government and General Chou En-Lai, the Communist representative in Chungking, for the Communists.

General George Marshall, the United States Ambassador to China who has been acting as Adviser to the Military Committee which has been seeking a formula for nationalising the Chinese armies, will be present at the ceremony, the broadcast said.

CHANG CHIN PROTESTS

CHUNGKING, Feb. 24 (Reuter).—The week-end demonstration by 30,000 students protesting at continued presence of Soviet troops in Manchuria resulted in severe damage to offices of the democratic league newspaper "Democracy" and provoked a letter of protest to President Chiang Kai-shek from Chang Chin, the League Chairman, Radios Doon Campbell, Reuter's Special Correspondent.

The letter urged "abolition of the special service organisation" (Kuomintang Secret Police) and severe punishment of "agents of the anti-foreign clique-people who doubt the sincerity of your promise to restore democratic rights to the people."

Meanwhile, the Democratic League, China's third political party, today published a statement outlining its attitude to the question of North-Eastern China.

The League proposed, firstly, that the Manchurian situation be settled by a political consultation conference.

Secondly, that the north-eastern region come within jurisdiction of Executive Headquarters set up at Peiping to enforce "cease fire" orders throughout China.

Thirdly, that the Government make known to the public "real state of affairs in the north-east."

Fourthly, that an investigation party composed of neutral elements be sent to the north-east to report.

Fifthly, that the Government aim at maintaining China's territorial and sovereign integrity and also foster friendly relations with the Soviet and observe the Chinese-Soviet amity pact.

NO CRITICISM OF LABOUR FOREIGN POLICY ?

M.Ps. Consider Govt.'s Latest Move As Undemocratic And Disconcerting

LONDON, Feb. 24 (U.P.I.)—The present foreign policy of the British Labour Government is causing great dissatisfaction in the rank and file of the Labour Party itself, but the High Command of the Party seems anxious to avoid embarrassment by a free and frank expression of the views of its policy.

The United Press of India learns that the Executive of the Labour Party has taken the unprecedented step of advising its primary organisations not to submit any resolutions on Government's foreign policy in the annual conference of the British Labour Party to be held in June next. In private communications and local parties, the Labour Executive, it is gathered, explained that such resolutions criticising foreign policy of their own people would cause embarrassment to the Government as the entire policy is in a "very fluid state."

The Labour Party circles appear to be considerably alarmed at the attitude taken by the Party High Command. A number of Labour members of Primary Labour Organisations told the United Press of India that the procedure adopted by the Labour Executive is "most disconcerting and undemocratic."

FRENCH WAR BRIDES ARRIVE IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Feb. 25 (Reuter): A Group of French war brides have arrived New York aboard the French line ship 'Desirade'. The brides were tired of waiting for Government transportation and paid their own way, but they will be reimbursed by the American Government, it is understood.

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Bills as per contra	42,64,300	Safe Fixture & Furniture, Dead Stock	4,60,800
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		Interest accrued on Investment	82,000
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Wanted a Doctor for dispensary Thakurdwar for one month. Communicate to Box No. 984, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted immediately two general clerks with a good hand and strong English. Experience of work in a Commercial Office—preferably a life office necessary. Gujarati or Maharashtrian matriculates only need apply personally with handwritten applications giving full details and mentioning minimum salary expected at 3-30 P. M. today to:— Mohan Sons & Co. Manekji Wadia Building, Opp. University Gardens. 947

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NOTICE

Our client Mr. S. J. Rajpal accompanied by a coolie who was carrying a bundle of Books of account etc. yesterday from Vadgadi Shop towards Kalbadevi Office, while on his way through Princess Street, in a stampede and commotion near Lloyd's Bank lost the same there. Any one who may have come across the same or may give clue resulting the same being found will be adequately rewarded.

RAJPAL & RAJPAL,
Advocates for S. J. Rajpal.
Bombay, 23-2-1946.
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THE UNDERSIGNED very much regret to announce that the reception in celebration of the wedding of Mr. Sultanali Qassamally Jairazbhoy with Miss Shahsultan Cassamally Munjee which was to have been held on the Members Lawn, Royal Western India Turf Club, Mahalaxmi on Tuesday the 26th instant at 5-30 P.M. has been postponed.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

Owing to the Curfew Order the G.I.P. Railway Suburban Service will be curtailed as under until further notice:—

MAIN LINE

(a) No train, excepting those booked to run to Kalyan and beyond, will leave Bombay V. T. after 435 Down at 20-00 hrs. and before 307 Down at 6-30 hrs.
(b) No train, excepting those running from Kalyan and beyond, scheduled to arrive Bombay V. T. after 426 Up at 19-30 hrs. and before 583 Up at 6-00 hrs. will run

HARBOUR BRANCH

(a) No trains will run from Bombay V.T. after 277 Down at 19-40 hrs. and before 231 Down at 5-25 hrs.
(b) No trains arriving Bombay V.T. after 136 Up at 20-50 hrs. and before 150 Up at 6-45 hrs. will run.

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NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for a temporary post of Cashier on Rs. 50-5/2-90 plus dress allowance of Rs. 6/- p.m. plus dearness allowance admissible for the Cottage and Small Scale Industries Sales Depot of the Department of Industries, Bombay. Candidates should have (1) passed at least matriculation or equivalent examination, (2) diploma in accountancy (preferably), (3) practical experience as cashier of at least 2 years in a leading commercial firm, (4) domiciled in Bombay Province. Applications giving details of educational qualifications, practical experience, age and domicile should reach the Director of Industries, (Marketing Section), Old Custom House Yard, Bombay, on or before 5th March, 1946.

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WESTERN INDIA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
NOTICE

Owing to the Curfew Order, the FIFTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Association fixed for Tuesday, 26th of February 1946, has been postponed. The revised date and venue will be published in this paper on Wednesday the 27th of February 1946.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMITTEE
E. J. Turner,
Honorary Secretary,
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NOTICE AS TO LOST POLICY

Policy No. 144682 in National Insurance Co., Ltd, on the life of Bhogilal Chunilal Shah of Shamlani Pole, Dipalal's Khancha, Ahmedabad, having been lost, notice is hereby given that failing any objection to reach the Company within one month from any interested party with production of the policy and proof of title the Company will proceed in pending matters concerning the policy

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The Bank will be closed on Saturday, the 2nd March, 1946, that day being a Public Holiday (MAHASHIVRATRI) under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

J. ROBERTSON,
Secretary & Treasurer.
Bombay, 21st February, 1946.
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NOTICE

Our client's Mr. S. J. Rajpal's employee Sewram Parsram is missing since 9th instant. All concerns are notified that he is not authorised to represent our client.

RAJPAL & RAJPAL,
Advocates for S. J. Rajpal.
Bombay, 23-2-1946.
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NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for appointment as Probation Officers in this department in the grade of Rs. 75-5-135-E.B.-15/2-180. The appointments will be temporary in the first instance.

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3. The services of persons appointed in these posts are liable after the period of training to be lent to local associations doing work under the Children Act, the Borstal Schools Act and the Probation of Offenders Act.

4. Applicants, clearly giving the applicant's full name, address, age with date of birth, caste with sub-caste, native place with district, qualifications, previous experience etc. should reach the undersigned on or before 10th of March.

5. Applicants called for interview will have to travel at their own expense. Original certificate regarding age and qualifications, domicile, and testimonials, if any, should be produced at the time of interview and only copies should be sent with the applications.

(Sd.) T. E. STREATFIELD,
Chief Inspector of Certified Schools, Bombay Province,
Poona.
Poona, 22nd February 1946.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

LLOYDS BANK LIMITED
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Constituents of the above Branch are requested to make any enquiries regarding their affairs at the main office of the Bank at Hornby Road as from Thursday 28th February 1946.

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION

Petition for Letters of Administration to the property and credits of SHANKAR RAI ATMARAM SHARMA late of Bombay Brahmin Hindu Inhabitant a Medical Practitioner, but out of practice at the time of his death, residing at Maharaj Building, Girgaum, Bombay... ..... Deceased

Rambhaluxmi widow of the deceased of Bhavnaggar Brahmin Hindu Inhabitant at present residing at c/o. Dr. Nanalal Maganlal Bhatt, Versowa Road, Andheri .... Petitioner

All persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the proceedings if they think fit before the Grant of Letters of Administration.

Dated 18th February 1946.
(Sd.) S. J. RAHIMTOOLA,
Prothonotary & Senior Master.
Mr. G. B. PANDYA,
Petitioner's Attorney.
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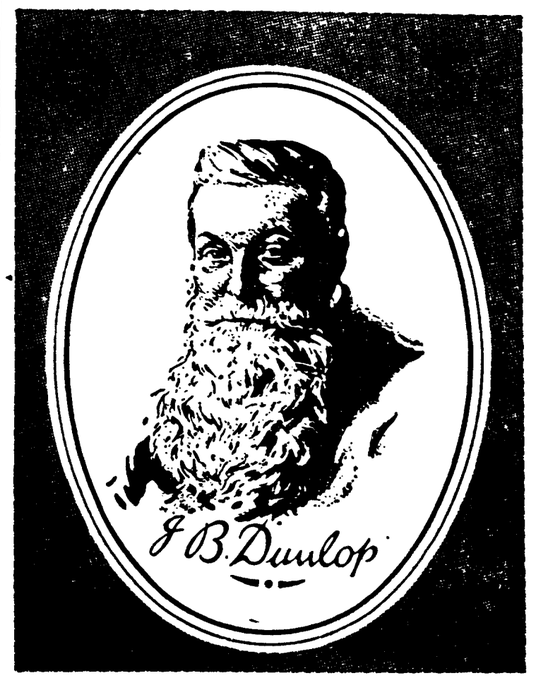

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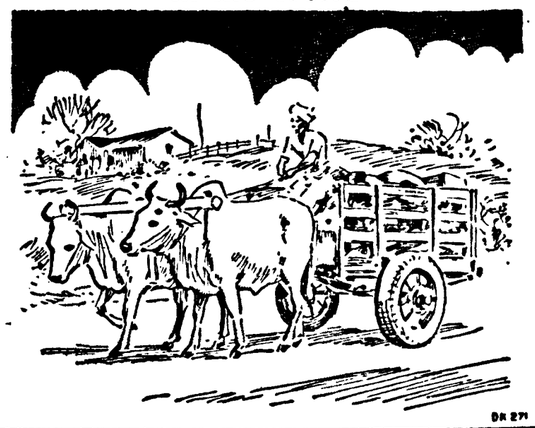

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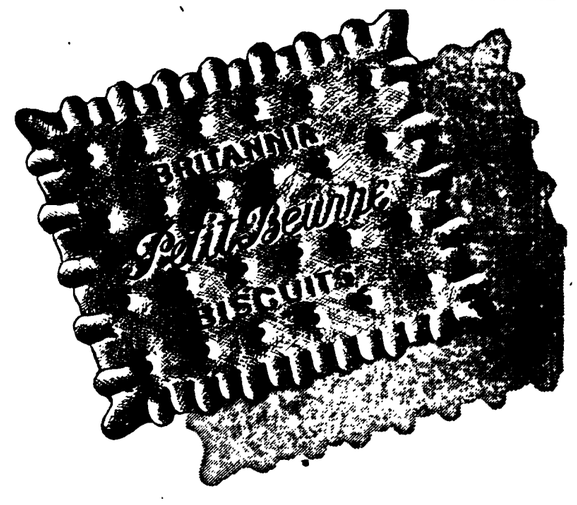

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